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## EDITORIAL

### Sinister Scheming

A great deal has been written during recent months in various publications, international, national and local, regarding Communism. Fortunately, Canadians now appear to be more conscious of this ever present threat to our exceptionally high standard of living and mode of life. Nevertheless, when one recalls a statement made by Lenin:

"Dictatorship, (of the proletariat), means nothing more or less than power which directly rests on violence, which is not limited by any laws or restricted by any absolute rule. Dictatorship means—note this once and for all—unlimited power resting on violence and not on law."

The necessity of continual vigilance is indelibly and forcibly brought to our attention.

The Department of Economic Development of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce recently published a booklet, entitled, "How Communists Operate," as a follow-up to their publication, "The Communist Threat to Canada." While it is not possible to adequately deal with a subject of such paramount importance in the space available here, some extracts from this booklet will be quoted to stress certain very important points which merit constant consideration in order that we may continue to be on the alert.

"Labor Union Infiltration—Communist literature is full of directives stressing the importance of Communist work in unions, and Lenin advised Communists to practise trickery, to employ cunning, and to resort to illegal methods—sometimes even to conceal the truth in order to get into and gain control of unions."

"Defence of the Soviet Union—A Communist always stands up for the Soviet Union. This is a most important and almost infallible test of true Bolshevik faith."

"The Amalgam—The Communist Amalgam is a whispered or printed slander about an enemy which 'amalgamates' him, by innuendo, with some utterly contemptible or unpopular cause or organization or 'enemies of the people'."

"Blackmail—is included if necessary in their strategy."

"The Chinese Water Torture Trick—Communists apply this trick by a deliberate, continual suave campaign of question directed day after day, month after month, at a leader which they wish to belittle or discredit."

"Finance—Communists will direct the unwary to members of their own party for help or services of any kind to maintain their own system."

"Everybody is phony except us—Communists look upon non-Communists as either possible recruits or hopeless, irreconcilable enemies."

"Divide and Conquer—Though Communists hold themselves out as noble champions of the labor movement, a union which rejects or resists them must be destroyed."

"Clearing the Field—Under the theory that if you call a man a crook often enough people will believe you, Communists reduce the political value of their opponents to zero with a campaign of vilification."

"The Smear—This is a carefully calculated offensive with the express purpose of impressing on the greatest number of people, the dangers of opposing Communism. An attempt to lull the unwary into a 'discretion is the better part of valor' outlook."

"Stop Thief—A subtle sister tactic of the smear. It shows up in scary accusations about government's 'imperialist war-mongering' and in the nervous warning about 'fascists' lurking around meetings, etc. Someone must be 'blamed'—not a Communist."

"Raising the Issue—Lenin said, 'Our task is to utilize every manifestation of discontent and to collect and utilize every grain of even rudimentary protest'—! This advice is still a matter of policy, today."

Many people are unable to cope successfully with Communism because, in normal experience nothing is encountered which approaches it for audacity and unprincipled ruthlessness. Normal people are restrained by at least some sense of values and appreciation for that which is normal and decent. Nothing restrains a Communist. It is their shameless indifference to any moral standard which baffled the Royal Commission, and which is their "trump card."

Let us not be deceived by any new tricks which will undoubtedly be employed. We must be ever on the alert to stop any attempt to undermine our democratic way of life and the land we cherish.

**NOTE:**—Copies of the above publications issued by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce are available for a nominal fee from: The Department of Economic Development, The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, 530 Board of Trade Building, Montreal, Quebec.

### Back to Civvy Street

An Ottawa release last January has some interesting statistics regarding the return of our boys to civil life. Almost 1,000,000 of her fighting men of the Second Great War have been discharged, many thousands rehabilitated as home-owners, business men, students and workers, or under-going casualty rehabilitation.

The report shows that at Sept. 30, there had been 992,800 discharges, of which 14,403 came in 1947. The following numbers obtained assistance of various forms: Out-of-work allowance 167,767; vocational training 92,438; university training 57,602; failures amounted to only 13 per cent. There had been 1,085,000 establishment credits granted, totalling \$169,000,000 for furniture or home equipment; homes and businesses. Under the Veterans' Land Act, there had been 88,493 applications for aid, with loans or advances made in 33,000 cases. Rehabilitation of severely handicapped veterans was still under way with 20,959 cases on the active list at the end of October.

Total pensions awarded as the result of the Second Great War to Jan., 1948, was 99,210. These were made up of 81,532 disability pensions and 17,678 dependent pensions.

This work of rehabilitation is still in active progress and will be for some time.



## THE BATTLE OF THE MORO RIVER

Canadians Stirring Battling—Christmas Bells and Christmas Shells—Westerners Show Mettle in Battle

A voice report from Italy by CBC war correspondent Matthew Halton, broadcast on CBC News Roundup, 7:45 p.m. E.D.T., Tuesday, January 4, 1944, Trans-Canada Network.

### In This Issue And

Two reports of Italian campaign by Matthew Halton on his return to London, broadcast on CBC News Roundup, 7:45 p.m., E.D.T., Wednesday, February 2, 1944, and following the CBC National News Summary, 10:00 p.m. E.D.T., Sunday, February 6, 1944, Trans-Canada Network.

### In Next Issue

The Battle of the Moro River,  
January 4, 1944.

With the fall of Ortona, in the early morning of December 28th, the Battle of the Moro River is over, and there is now a new name to add to the list of great British deeds of the war.

Call them out: Dunkirk, Tobruk, Alamein, the delaying action in Burma, Sidi Omar, the last stand at Sollum, the Battle of Tunis—call them out, and then add Moro River. Measured on the scale of the last war, the Battle of the Somme, for example, or Passchendaele, or the enormous scale of the fighting in Russia, this was not a big battle, but it was one of the biggest ever fought by Canadians, and neither in this war, or the last, nor any other, has there been anything more bitter and intense. The attacking Canadians beat two of the finest German divisions that ever marched, killing them, man by man, in a long drawn-out fury of fire and death ending in the appalling week of Ortona.

The glory and sorrow is not all Canada's, because this was an Eighth Army battle. British, New Zealand and Indian troops had heavy enough fighting in the centre and on the left, but the main role was assigned to Canada on the right flank, and the quality of this battle on the right had something special that our race will never forget.

Only the sketchiest account of an epic can be given in a short review. It is a volume, not a review. I have had to omit almost all mention of individuals, and I am not allowed to mention the names of any of our units, which alone completely blurs the picture from the beginning. But some listeners will have heard our day-to-day accounts and recordings.

During November, British and Indian troops smashed the enemy's winter lines on the Sangro River. The enemy really thought he could hold us there throughout the winter. He had dug-outs and entrenchments of a kind not seen since the last war and the Germans might be holding there yet except for our air support.

On the Moro River, because of bad weather, we had no air support on a big scale. Moreover, the quality of the enemy troops on the Sangro was not what it was here. The Germans built there, and that battle ended when the British troops and

tanks did a brilliant, lightning turn behind the town of Fossecessia, to hem the enemy up.

And now the Canadians were brought down from the central mountains around Campobasso, where they had rested for several weeks, to take the right flank of the Eighth Army in its push for Pescara and the road to Rome.

On November 30th they were moving into action near the old town of San Vito on the sea. British engineers bridged the San Vito gorge for us under fire and every time we crossed it for the next ten days we were still under fire. The Canadians manoeuvred into position along the ridge overlooking the Moro River and on the night of December 6th we made our first attempt to cross that little creek.

The Germans had rushed in their famous 90th light division of Panzer grenadiers, to replace the beaten 65th infantry division and to meet the threat on the coast.

The Canadians had to fight their way across the river at night to try and clear the enemy off the bank so that the engineers could build the crossings for the tanks and other supporting arms and supplies.

There are two roads across, one a few hundred yards from the sea and another a mile to the left.

On the night of the 6th, an eastern Canadian unit crossed on the coast and western Canadians on the right, but we were thrown back. On the right they attacked again with intense artillery support. Two companies got across, but the tanks could not get over to their support and they were pulled out under murderous fire with losses. But at last light that day, a great officer took his men over again through a curtain of fire and the next morning, gallantly supported by British tanks, they made a desperate rush and took the high ground, and we were established across the Moro River.

Two of many great episodes of the crossing. "B" Company of a western Canadian unit, alone and surrounded across the river on the left, knocked out fourteen enemy machine-gun posts, an anti-tank gun and two tanks, and a field company of Canadian Engineers built a log crossing over the river under steady small-arms fire as well as shelling.

Words cannot describe what that means. What gallantry and horror in the dark, gallantry of the Canadians, gallantry of the English drivers who, when word came, drove calmly down the corkscrew road with their loads of logs.

The battle now focussed on the village of San Leonardo on the crest just beyond the crossing. It was at this time that we captured a German document with the order:

"The line of the Moro River is to be retaken and held, no matter what the cost in lives."

There was also a demand for an urgent reply to the question, "Who are the troops on the British right?" They soon learned. And we soon learned that the enemy was not fighting a delaying action, but a battle to the last ditch, literally the last ditch, to the last yard.

In an action as close and ferocious as I have ever seen, two infantry units now tried to go

through at the bridgehead formations to take San Leonardo and the crossroads two miles beyond on the Ortona road.

Our fine troops, our excellent men, burning for victory and full of pride in themselves, made nearly twenty furious attacks, and every time the enemy counter-attacked through hundreds of his dead. The Canadians wiped the Panzer grenadiers right out of existence, battalion after battalion of them, and then found themselves facing a still better German outfit, the 4th parachute division, a formation of savage, cunning young zealots as good as anything the warrior Germans ever produced.

The once-pleasant olive groves and vineyards and gardens on the slopes leading to the Ortona road became a bloody, churned-up shambles. Our artillery laid down terrific concentrations of steel for nearly every attack we made and the Germans replied with the most artillery they have ever used against us, especially mortars and 88's, so that in a few days there was a shell hole wherever you stepped, and every tree was splintered, and not a leaf was left.

Still the Germans held and fought back. Time after time, watching an attack go in, I was sure the enemy could not live through the hurricane of screaming steel but each time, as the barrage moved, the Germans were up and fighting with their machine-guns and their mortars—the “sobbing sisters.”

Here is part of the recording of one of our shellings, and in it you can hear an enemy 88 shell, which exploded near us.

#### Recording of Shell Explosions

The Germans then were brave. The Canadians were heroic—remember they had to attack. Exhausted, lying and fighting in a quagmire of mud, with many of their comrades killed or wounded, their zest for the attack actually increased from day to day. Yard by yard, and German by German, they fought their way up to the crossroads to the hamlet of Berardi. Now our units were mixed up at times. Combat teams of tanks and infantry were formed and still the enemy would not give in. More than once I got forward to units in action, to see German machine-guns start shooting from behind us, and keep shooting until their crews were killed. The enemy used every trick and every weapon, including flame-throwers. Once they even attacked us with the bayonet, our own special weapon, but yard by yard, and German by German, the Canadians advanced.

At last an eastern Canadian unit got into position to attack Berardi on the edge of a deep gully. Forty machine-guns awaited them, and they were counter-attacked by tanks. Then a fine Canadian unit attacked and was repulsed and surrounded, but it fought its way out and got to the crossroads. Once another unit was cut off for three days and when they fought their way out they could show a German document, announcing:

“One of the most famous Canadian units is surrounded, and now will be totally destroyed.”

Victory would have been impossible without the Canadian tanks, who provided our mobile artillery. Time after time, they advanced against enemy tanks and anti-tank guns to make a hole for this regiment or to come to the aid of another. One day a combat team was trying to cross the Ortona road, left of the crossroads. The group of tanks, under Capt. Hugh Burns of Halifax, sent back a message advising that they could attack if neces-

sary, though it would be suicide. The order came back, “We don’t expect to see you again, but do it if you can.” They did it—got two anti-tank guns with two lucky shots and were seen again.

Even with the taking of the road, the Germans wouldn’t give up. They stayed on everywhere fighting in little pockets and scores of them were killed in close action. Walking over the ghastly crossroads one day, we counted nearly two hundred dead.

But on the 20th, the Ortona road was ours and we closed in for the kill. One western Canadian unit moved in along the road from the left, another went along the coast road above the cliffs. Both had the hardest of fighting but that night the men on the right had gotten in to the outskirts of Ortona, and at midnight I cabled: “After eighteen days we are in Ortona and the bitter Battle of the Moro River is nearing its bitter close.” How bitter, I did not yet know.

There began now in Ortona a fit or convulsion of battle. Italy has her history of three thousand years, her Punic wars, her slaves’ revolt, but nothing in it, not even for her Samonite Wars in this very region, is more notable for heroism and high-speed ferocity than the seven or eight day battle for the pleasant little town of Ortona on the cliffs above the Adriatic.

The Germans were demons: the Canadians were possessed by demons. The more murderous the battle, the harder both sides fought, from window to window, from door to door, in a carnival of fury. There was something different there, something heroic, and almost superhuman and at the same time, dark as night.

They fought seven days and eight nights without rest, without sleep, amid fire and exploding mines and shells, and falling walls and thousands of bursting hand grenades, and always with the clattering of machine-guns—all this in a space of a few hundred yards.

The first time I got into a command post, I asked where the Germans were and was told they were three hundred yards away. The battle had a frightful tempo and on Christmas day it was gaining momentum, though even then a Christmas dinner was served to relays of men and carols were sung in the smoking ruins of a church.

Boxing Day, the sixth day, was still worse, and instead of subsiding, these men who had gone farther than human enduring, reached the peak of courage and ardor. On that day a company of Westerners blew their way into a building, and fought their way upstairs, stair by stair, blew holes through the walls of the next building with “sticky” bombs and then blew holes through the floors to fight their way downstairs. That was the last enemy strongpoint. The remaining Germans withdrew that night and, at first light on the 28th, when I got to the command post of one unit, the colonel grinned, and said quietly “I think it’s over.” A minute or two later a signaller jerked off his head-phones, and said, “Sir, the ‘Jerries’ are gone, or else they are all dead.”

That is a glimpse of the Battle of the Moro River.

(Editor’s Note: We would welcome stories of any personal or unit recollections of our 1st Bn’s. part in this battle. Please consider this request as urgent.) We thank the C.B.C. for permission to publish this story. Ed.



## TWO OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENTS

Ernie Sharp, No. 433041, of A Company and Headquarters Orderly Sergeant of the Quarante Neufs, has at last come to bat again with a write-up of the Re-union held in London last winter. He has contributed many a good story for the Forty-Niner during his war and civilian days. It is some time now since we had heard direct from this Edinburgh "Laddie" and we welcome his crack of the overseas doings. Ernie lives at 13 Stanhope Place, Edinburgh, 12, Bonny Scotland. Ernie is still busy taking shorthand and had just finished reports of conferences which entailed reports of around 125,000 words. This was at Aberdeen, Belfast and Chester.

Wm. "Brad" Bradfield, No. 80010, through whose splendid work we have been able to keep in touch with many of our boys who elected to remain, or returned to the Old Country to live. He was very busy making the necessary arrangements for the re-union which is reported elsewhere in this issue. Brad reports that Charles Green of the "Horse and Dolphin" wishes to be remembered to Col. Wilson and any others of the troops who remember 'mine host.' During the war he had some close calls from delayed action bombs and "doodle bugs," but his house only suffered superficial damage. In an earlier letter Brad asked for our constitution and what passes for this was sent along to him. This is what he says: "Now I know the secret of the Association's success, practically no constitution for a General Meeting to tear to pieces, just a bunch of the old boys who are keen to perpetuate that wonderful spirit of comradeship which existed between us during the days of war. Old comrade associations come and go but the old 49th goes on forever, thanks, to the hard working members of the committees." Also such lads as Bradfield who keep sending along items and names of boys he knows. In fact, it is the good 49er keeping us in touch with fellows he meets that enables our records to be kept filled with names of the 49ers living in places all over the world. To this end anyone in the Old Country should keep in contact with Brad at 282 Kingston Rd., Ewell, Surrey. He states many enquiries are made regarding Col. Stillman, and says he was one of those who had the association at heart and helped to oil the main springs.

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#### Forty-Niner's Daughter Fights Misfortune

Undaunted by misfortune, Mrs. Dorothy (Murray) Thompson, a war-widow, today is fighting and winning a two-year battle against paralysis at her home in Vancouver. Most of her days are spent in a wheelchair, and she is writing a book, "From Where I Sit," telling the story of personal experiences as a cripple. Her book will be written in a humorous vein, describing the situations you can get into in a wheelchair. A former diving champion and ballet dancer, Mrs. Thompson suffered a spinal fracture two years ago, and is attending a school of physical rehabilitation to overcome the paralysis she is suffering from. Her husband was killed in service with the R.C.A.F. over Germany, Friday, March 13, 1942. Her father, who enlisted in the 49th, and was the signalling sergeant, was killed in the First World War, while flying over the enemy lines in an observation plane. He had transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and the plane he was in at the time was what the Foot-loggers facetiously called a "crate."

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### 33rd BANQUET AND REUNION HUGE SUCCESS

**President Jefferson Presides and Welcomes Members—General's Ceremonial Sword on Display—Formality Dispensed With as Record Crowd Celebrates—Band and Cocktail Shakers Give Boisterous Presentation.**

The wisdom of holding annual re-union and banquet of the association on a Saturday night was seldom better seen than in the dim, grey, grim dawn of Sunday morning, Jan. 4th, 1948, when more than 400 former members of the 49th Battalion and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment raised their aching heads from their pillows.

Reports indicated the casualties were the result of dawn patrols through the dangerous corridors of the Macdonald Hotel and the deserted streets of Edmonton. However, it should be noted none of the wounds were serious enough to warrant a telegram to dependents.

It all started in the early evening of the previous day and before the banquet, which was really the highlight of the occasion, many of the boys had experienced a vigorous brush with the enemy, from which encounter, some of them came off second best.

The enemy, under the able command of Gen. John Barleycorn made so effective an encircling movement some of the boys were a little dazed at the onslaught, to the extent they set up individual little groups to discuss further attacks.

The result was many of the distinguished headtable guests who were speaking to the others—were almost drowned out by the murmur of their voices. But an efficient PA system provided the means for those who wished to pay attention to take part in the main offensive.

Hon. Capt. T. R. Davies, M.C., recently appointed regimental padre, on being informed that all members of the unit were in their appointed position officially declared zero hour by saying grace and the attack was immediately launched on a new sector of the front. Objective of the attack was not Germany this time but turkey (printer—spell with a small "T" so as not to provoke an international incident).

President of the association, Brigadier "Jeff" Jefferson prudently delayed starting the program until the boys had finished eating and the beer had been distributed.

One of the most important parts of the regular program was observed when the boys arose in their places to recall around the names of those unable to be present. The dining room at the Mac was filled with the murmur of their voices as name after name of pals who would never attend a re-union in the flesh was recalled.

There wasn't any frivolity about this part of the program, the effects of the pre-dinner cocktails and other beverages were dulled by the memories this solemn ceremony inspires.

Nor was their a voice raised, nor a disturbance when there was a moment for silent recollection of fallen comrades. The silent tributes was mute testimony they had not been forgotten nor that the reason they had fallen been ignored.

Recollection of the stirring days when the regiment was born was stirred by the arrival of a gold-engraved sword, once carried by Maj. Gen. "Billy" Griesbach, the father of the regiment.

The sword was presented to the general when the first battalion returned from overseas by the citizens of Edmonton. The gold with which the

scabbard and hilt is engraved came from the banks of the Saskatchewan at Edmonton.

The sword is now in the care of Mrs. Griesbach who entrusted it to Lt. Col. "Kenny" Kinnaird for display at the banquet. Mrs. Griesbach is holding the weapon in trust and it will ultimately become the property of the 49th.

It was carried into the dinner on a velvet cushion by Kenny Kinnaird and was preceded by Piper Alex Thomson playing, of course, "Bonnie Dundee."

The band which played martial airs before the dinner was that of the reserve unit led by Bandmaster J. M. Jacknisky.

First toast following the ceremonial ones and the welcome by President Jefferson was voiced by Alderman Geo. Gleave, who proposed the health of the Regiment's native city, Edmonton.

This was responded to by His Worship Mayor Harry Ainlay, who was greeted before he arose with the 49er's tribute to all chief magistrates, "The Old Grey Mare, She Ain't What She Used To Be."

His Worship grinned, like the good sport he is and told a slightly risqué story of how a soldier who had served in North Africa had been followed home by his conscience, stirred to protests by the sight of a mulatto baby. There's been a colored man in the firewood somewhere during his absence.

His own past was recalled as he murmured at sight of the infant, "Good Lord, I thought I left you in North Africa."

It also happened to be the mayor's birthday—so he got an extra burst of melody, "Happy Birthday to You."

His Worship, in a serious mood following the levity of his introduction said he envisioned the future of peace in the world as a continuation of the spirit of charity and brotherly love which animated the hearts of men at Christmas and the New Year.

Col. Louis Scott proposed the toast to the sister regiments of both great wars. Percy Johnston responded to this toast. Both of these noble gentlemen were former P.P.C.L.I.

Unfortunately Lt. Col. W. G. "Bill" Stillman, due to illness, was unable to make the toast to the regiment, however he used his facile pen to endite an appropriate toast, which was delivered by Brig. E. B. "Ernie" Wilson.

Lt. Col. W. J. "Bill" Cromb, who is now command to the reserve battalion, responded to this toast on behalf of the unit and pointed out the traditions of the unit were being carried on by the reserve battalion which enjoys the largest enrollment of any reserve force in Canada and which covers more geographical territory than any unit in the Empire.

He appealed to all former members of the active service forces for co-operation with the reserve army, which is carrying on the old regimental traditions.

Regrettably due to their distance from Edmonton many former members were unable to attend but this did not prevent them from forwarding messages of good cheer, with some coming from



## QUIET POW WOW BY THREE YOUNG MUSKETEERS



Walter Nishikawa, right, still keeping his eye on the casualties, seems to be pleased with the story Bob Adair, left, is telling. A. Hrabec, who attended the dinner in a wheel chair, apparently is able to sit up and take a little nourishment. Of course, on Doc's orders.

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as far away as Sydney, Australia, the home of our sister Aussie regiment, the Wide Bay regiment. Other messages came from England and all parts of North America.

One message, particularly well-received, came from Lt. Col. "Fighting Jim" Stone, announcing the arrival of a new pebble in the Stone family.

It was pleasing to see Lt.-Col. Walter Hale who lives at Gull Lake and who was a former garrison commander at the Prince of Wales Armouries during the recent war.

Sitting by him was his son, Tommy, who now a member of the Pats.

The toasts having all been made the next item on the agenda was community singing. Jack Jones with Bill Ness, Sam Hobson, Len Kerr valiantly rendered such old favorites as the Edmonton Regiment version of Waltzing Matilda, Lile Marlene from the latest war, and Tipperary and Pack Up Your Troubles from the first fracas with Germany.

However it was soon evident that reminiscing was to be the key-stone of the evening entertainment, as small groups of back-patting, hand-shaking former buddies remembered those incidents which regimental mates like to remember and conveniently forgot those incidents regimental mates would sooner forget.

Norman Cook, long time assistant editor of this magazine missed the banquet in person, but he and Capt. Sammy Campbell formerly of the Pats were sharing the same ward in hospital and were certainly present in spirit.

Earl Hay, another stalwart of the old days was another of the absent brothers. Earl wasn't well enough to attend, but has almost guaranteed he will not miss another if he has to attend in his night attire or a hospital gown.

—By Ted Horton

#### Patricias Hold Anniversary

A colorful spectacle of precision parade square drill was presented before some 2,000 Calgary residents Saturday, May 8th, as the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry carried out the traditional trooping of the colors ceremony. The ceremony commemorated the battle of Frezenberg, May 8, 1915, in which the unit suffered heavy losses. Brig. A. Hamilton Gault of Montreal, who recruited and equipped the P.P.C.L.I. at the outbreak of the First Great War, was among a number of senior army officers witnessing the ceremony.

#### Honour Canadian Dead

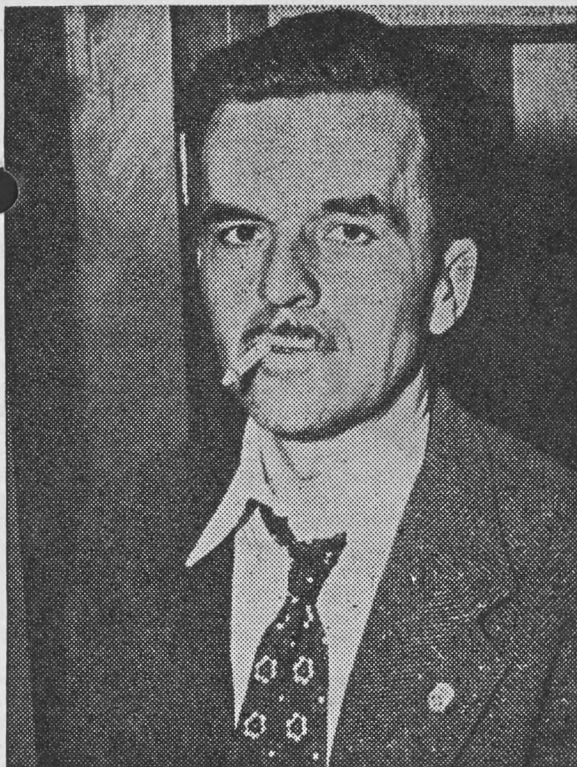
At Holten, Overijssel, Holland, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and Lt.-Gen. Charles Foulkes, chief of the Canadian general staff, laid wreaths at the Canadian war cemetery during a simple memorial service on Wednesday, May 5th. The service was led by Protestant and Roman Catholic Canadian army chaplains and was attended by members of the diplomatic corps in Holland, the Dutch minister of foreign affairs and many others.

#### Selected for World Camp

Alberta will be represented by two Girl Guides at the World Camp to be held in August at Coopers-town, New York. The lucky Guides, selected by a National Guide committee in Toronto, are Wilma Palmer of 10641 126th Street, and Mary Betton of High River. Wilma is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Palmer.



## OF THE NEWS AND IN THE NEWS

**"TED" HORTON WINS ESSAY CONTEST**

E. R. "Ted" Horton, now Edmonton Bulletin staff reporter, and overseas staff writer for a time on the Forty-Niner, has won the grand prize in the Alberta Government tourist essay contest.

Ted won the first prize of \$300 and a gold medal for his essay entitled, "If Jasper House Came Back." He also won a special \$10 prize for best poem.

Announcement of essay contest results was made last May by R. H. Moore, deputy minister of economic affairs.

There were over thirty other winners in the contest which was international and drew competitors from every section of Canada and the United States.

Ted is an Alberta born newspaperman, born at Vegreville, he is the son of A. L. Horton, veteran owner and editor of the Vegreville Observer, one of the best-known weeklies in Alberta.

On return from overseas he joined the Edmonton Bulletin in 1945. He served with The Loyal Edmonton Regiment and wrote the official story of the Battalion's doings during the earlier period of their training and service overseas, and is on our staff as one of the editors.

He held the rank of Lieutenant at the time of his discharge.

We all congratulate our friend on his gaining such an honor and distinction for this city and our province, also for adding prestige to the membership of our association.

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# **FORTY-NINER 1948 WINNER CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

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## **Citizenship Award Winner**

First Junior Chamber of Commerce citizenship award of 1948 was presented to "citizen extraordinary," (and superior 49er) Alex M. MacDonald, general sales manager of Gainer's Ltd., at a banquet in the Macdonald last February.

Chairman of the Citizenship Award Committee, Kenneth A. McKenzie made the presentation. Award is made quarterly and present at the banquet were the eight former recipients of the award.

Accompanying the award was the citation which read: "In appreciation of outstanding voluntary service to the community freely and unselfishly given: leadership in the organization and promotion of public activities vital to the advancement of Canadian business and agriculture; responsibility undertaken for the welfare of others by active participation in, and executive direction of, numerous organizations devoted to the betterment of our community and our way of life, included among others the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Chest, the Y.M.C.A., the South Side Businessmen's association, Knox United Church, the Kiwanis Club, the Masonic Lodge, Superior Hockey Club; and citizenship which has made Edmonton a finer place to live in."

Kenneth McKenzie, presenting the award, outlined Mr. MacDonald's career. Part of what Mr. McKenzie says is as follows: "Mr. MacDonald came to Edmonton in 1911 from Rutherglen near Glasgow, Scotland. He started work in Gainer's as an invoice clerk. At the outbreak of war he enlisted in the 49th battalion. By the time he reached France in 1915, he was a sergeant. He was awarded the Military Medal for bravery, was decorated by King George V and recommended for a commission in the field. In the early part of 1916 he was severely wounded and spent nine months in hospital in England.

After training for his commission and rejoining the 49th as an officer, he was again wounded. Fortunately, while on his way back to the lines the third time, the war ended.

He returned to Edmonton and resumed work with Gainer's. He was married shortly after this, and has a family of two girls and one boy. (See weddings).

During his years with Gainer's he has risen from clerk to general sales manager. He has the longest service with the company of anyone outside members of the Gainer family.

His contribution in radio of the program "Random Thoughts" was a very popular broadcast with the listening public.

He had represented many of his organization at conventions and conferences both at home and abroad, as well as being chosen for committees for both civilian and war efforts.

He is an able and witty speaker and it has afforded us pleasure on many an occasion to hear him reminisce on the war experiences of his company and battalion comrades. Yes, and to look at him now you wouldn't suspect him of having pulled the blankets from off his trench mate when shivering in those cold, wet boobyhatches in France and Flanders.

In the realm of sport he was president of the Superior Hockey Team which won provincial and



western Canada honors for Edmonton in the late 1920's and early 30's. The team also toured the United Kingdom and Europe.

Alec served with "Steady D" and was one of the stalwarts of 13 platoon, which always boasted of its tough and rough soldiers.

It is of interest to note that of the nine awards three have been to people having some connection with the 49th. John Michaels, Hon.-President; Mrs. Arnold Tayler, wife of A. W. Tayler and Alex M. MacDonald. We congratulate all three on having earned the recognition of their valuable services to the citizens of Edmonton.

#### English Family Recall Members of "Loyals"

W. Sinclair of Ceol-Na-Mara, Helmsdale, wrote a note recently to Norman Arnold thanking him for a copy of the last 49er.

"It is surprising," the letter says, "the names I have spotted of lads whom we knew."

Baden Whiteside, RSM Ronnie Bowen, RSM Alan Sachse, RQMS Shobridge and most of the unit's padres are recalled in a later part of the letter.

Mr. Sinclair extends congratulations to the unit for its magazine, which he says "will keep the boys together and so long as they foregather they will refer to the 49er with glowing pride."

#### REMINISCENCES

(The late Phil Bellsham wrote this shortly before his death a few years ago.)

"I remember the late Col. Weaver in a heart to heart talk told me not to weaken as 'You are the father of 6 platoon and the young ones are watching you pretty closely.' I never did let them down and stayed right up to the Mons Normal School at the armistice, Nov. 11th, 1918. The colonel also told us not to get the M.O. killed, Capt. Gordon Young, D.S.O., but go and get killed ourselves, as he and we all felt the doctor was the best man in the regiment."

#### Canadian Shock Troops

i.e. The 49th Battalion Edmonton Regiment, Canada

Short Story of Mericourt (Post Vimy)

During May, 1917, we were waiting patiently for a relief party, when a young Lochinvar Lieutenant, and a Sergeant of Territorials appeared in the trenches with a squad, and inquired of 'yours truly' if we were the Canadian 49th Bn. Shock Troops, as they were taking over our part of the line. I said, "Sir, we are and will be for ever, as the 49th Bn. of the 7th Canadian Brigade is the finest in the Canadian Corps."

#### Stole the Show

The "Bulletin" of July 2nd carried the picture of 18-month-old Danny and 3-year-old Angela, foster children of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cheshire, 10627 67th Avenue. They were dressed in Highland costumes and their cuteness certainly proved entertaining to the large crowd at the Highland Games, July 1st.

#### Thanks Association for Magazine

Harriet P. White, sister of the late W. F. "Deacon" White writes to thank us for the Forty-Niner. Enclosed was a donation of \$2.00 for carrying on the good work.

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## JUNIOR N.C.O. CLASS LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT 'A' COMPANY



Vermilion's "A" company of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment has been very active in its training program and is a credit to the regiment whose fame has been established in two wars. The above picture is of the junior N.C.O. class of the Vermilion company. The following are shown: front row, left to right, Mr. Kaiser, CSM. Moore, Lieut. Donnelly and Sgt. Rudd, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry instructor; centre row, Pte. Willmer, Pte. Webb, Pte. Haskell and Sgt. Chapman; back row, Pte. Currah, Cpl. Reid and Pte. Fookes.—Picture by Photographic Arts, Vermilion.

## THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGT. RESERVE BATTALION STILL HITTING THE BALL

Many of the ex-members of the unit are not aware that the glory and tradition so well established by the old boys in 1914-18, and 1939-45 are still being carried on, and in all probability will continue till time immemorial. For those who occasionally feel the urge to get back in the swim, say once a week, and who are not aware where they can do this, here are the locations of the various companies.

Lt. Col. W. T. Crompt, D.S.O., commands the battalion, and has as second in command Maj. Ted Day. Regimental H.Q.'s. H.Q. Coy., Support Coy., and the band, are located at the Prince of Wales Armoury, and other companies at Stony Plain, Vegreville, Vermillion, Grande Prairie, and Valhalla. Weekly training parades are held on Thursday evening at the Prince of Wales Armoury for those stationed in Edmonton. Training program includes instruction on Bren Carriers, A/T weapons, 3" Mortars, and wireless sets. Along with training, sports are arranged and include, smokers, company teams of all types, and when possible moving pictures are shown. The brass band, conducted by Bandmaster Jakinsky, and Sgt. Cliff Wright, parades Sunday mornings, and in addition to Band practise the men receive instruction as stretcher bearers.

"A" Coy. in Vermillion has its own armouries. The company is commanded by Lieut. Donnelly. The armouries, with its facilities for recreations, is used by town organizations, and does much to further social activity.

"B" Coy., one of the strongest in the regiment, is at Vegreville, under the command of Maj. Frank Fane, M.C. Parade turnouts are very good and the

armouries also plays a large part in the town's social activities.

"C," under the able direction of Major Al. Johnston, is located in town, and is doing well.

"D" Coy., under Capt. Jack Mantel, meets in the armouries at Grande Prairie. This company has an exceptionally good hockey team, and made quite a name for itself last year. At Valhalla one platoon, under Lt. P. O. Hanson, is particularly noted for its winter activities, skiing, snow-shoeing, etc., many of the boys travelling 15 miles in the dead of winter to attend parades on skis.

One platoon of Support Coy., the "Pioneers," is located at Stony Plain. This platoon, under Capt. Lloyd Willie, and Lieut. Lee Norman, parades on Tuesday evenings, at which time an active force instructor visits them from Edmonton.

The unit medical officer, Capt. Fred Conroy, operates out of the Armouries, and on Thursday nights, when recruits are plentiful, the proverbial cat on the tin, is a piker compared to him.

Capt. Jimmie Hoyle, the unit paymaster, reigns supreme but twice a year, those times being pre summer camp parade, and year end parade March 31st. As we all remember paymasters commanded respect no matter who the individual on parade was, and believe me it still holds true. Incidentally it's still the largest voluntary parade, even outshining Voluntary Church Parade—Fall In! "So then on parade they slow shuffled out And they laughed, and they pushed, and some gave a shout.

When all of a sudden a Lion's voice roared, And those full of laughter, and those quite bored, Jumped sixteen feet, and settled down,



## COMPLETE N.C.O. QUALIFYING COURSE AT VEGREVILLE



Pictured are several members of the Vegreville "B" Company of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment who have completed a course for N.C.O.'s. They are, front row, left to right, Pte. M. Ursulak, Sgt. A. J. Rudd, P.P.C.L.I., instructor; Capt. E. F. Morton, Cpl. S. Samuelson and Cpl. B. Winnichuk; back row, left to right, Cpl. O. B. Smith, Pte. O. Tibbett, Cpl. J. D. Ross, Cpl. W. L. Horton and Pte. E. W. Winnichuk.—Picture by Studio Dmitri, Vegreville.

And shivered and shook, 'neath the Sar-Major's frown.

Now who could this be with voice so commanding  
Who brought trembling and fear, and even cooks standing,

You've guessed it all right, and he's at it again,  
For it's Albert Oldham, our new, old R.S.M."

The foregoing is given in much respect, and I only hope, that it won't necessitate an Orderly Room Parade, and in the famous words of one Pat Lucy, "He's one hell of the fine fella." Keep up the good work, Albert, because I've got a youngster who's just getting to the age when a roar out of you will send child psychology literature back to dusty bookshelves.

In February of this year a winter camp was held at Wainwright National Park, and the boys received instruction in latest weapons, and winter tactics, working in co-ordination with other arms of the service. Summer camp is getting under way, just as this is going to press, and from all Part III Orders floating around, it's even going to knock spots off the training received around Eastbourne, and Shoreham, however they say that there's a little more available transport these days, so I imagine they won't be called on to march (?) ten miles in two hours (remember?).

Brig. Jeff Jefferson, commanding 18 Inf. Bde., of course keeps a fatherly eye on the Regt. at all times, and this may, along with our outstanding reputation, account for the fact that the unit is now 500 strong, and according to the Minister of National Defence is the strongest reserve force in Canada.

Old reliables are turning up weekly to parades, and after a couple of years on civvy street, have decided to try it again, latest of these being Sgt.

Eddie Morris, S/Sgt. White, Major Ed Pritchard, and a host of others. Sgt. Harry Haddon, who is now living in the east dropped in the other day and I understand the Sgts'. Mess fairly shook with past experiences.

To any former member, or their offspring, a cordial invitation is extended to come on in and get their feet wet.

—By Bob Turner.

### GOLD OLD GINCH

I remember well setting out from Mill Barn in Oxted many a morning, with Bill Bury up front setting the pace, Pat Lucy "Lightning Jazazing over every thing," Bud Craney letting out war whoops that could be heard a mile or more, as we wended our way through Oxted up past the "Plumbers," and towards Westerham. I can still hear the raucous cries of Bill Rowland, as he started ribbing the daylight out of Eldon Peritt, better known as "Ginch," as we passed a certain little farm house set off the road, and it was only a matter of moments before the whole Company took up the cry "Edie, here's Ginch"—and between blushes, Ginch took it like a man. Ultimately Edie, and Eldon were married, and returned to Canada, but not before Eldon had taken quite a beating on the Italian front, and they set up housekeeping along with some little Eldon's. Well Ginch was a pretty lucky boy when all's said and done, but imagine his surprise this year, when instead of donating 2/6 to a game of low ball, he bought a ticket on a raffle with a new 1948 car as the reward, and he won it—good stuff, Ginch, and I'll bet 4 to 1 you'd like to have that car back in Oxted just to ride up Plumbers or Titsy Hills.

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This is the voice of HRD-AGR at Vancouver, British Columbia, calling all Forty-Niners! Greetings and good wishes to all Branches and to all Forty-Niners wherever they may be!

We have not been on the air out here for some time but please be assured, we are still very much alive and kicking. During the past year we have been carrying on in a quiet and modest manner, maintaining our membership, visiting the sick, assisting the needy and as far as possible, keeping in touch with the ex-members of the Battalion. Under the energetic and inspiring leadership of President J. Hadden, we have succeeded in holding our monthly meetings regularly with a fair number of members present; but, can anyone tell us why the attendance at meetings is so poor? Is it that the ex-service man is so absorbed in his business or his domestic affairs or is it the fault of the executive, or maybe, is it just indifference that keeps him away? This is certainly a sixty-four dollar question and we would welcome the answer.

The highlight of our social activities was, as usual, the annual Banquet which always draws an appreciative crowd. This was held on the evening of January 17th in the Stanley Park Pavillion, when, under the able chairmanship of President J. Hedden, close to one hundred veterans of both World Wars gathered to renew again that priceless comradeship of "Other Times, Other Places." A sumptuous repast of roast turkey with all the frills, plus a full measure of stimulating nectar was fully indulged in by the troops who were unanimous in declaring the gathering one of the best ever held. The evening's entertainment included a frolicsome floor show provided by the "Merry-Makers" which provoked roars of laughter and applause. Community singing of old army favorites was also well received and brought forth harmony reminiscent of Estaminet gatherings "Somewhere in France." The Army esprit de corps was much in evidence as old comrades gripped hands with old buddies and the Eddies—far outnumbering the old gang—exchanged greetings as only men who have served together know how to do. It was good to be there and to participate in the enthusiastic good fellowship which prevailed; to swap yarns, to fight over battles all the way from Paschendaele to Ortona, and to greet old friends once more. The evening came to an end all too soon with the singing of Auld Lang Syne, and then, out into the night passed the soldiers of yester years, happy to have met, happy to part and happy to meet again.

Our sick committee, under the active leadership of F. W. Craig has done yeoman service in visiting the local hospitals and hunting up old comrades. At the time of writing, there are fourteen ex-members of the Regiment patients in Shaughnessy Hospital. P. C. Wells has been spending the past two months there but we are pleased to report he has now returned home. Percy, it will be remembered, is the assistant manager at the Army and Navy Club in Vancouver. Jack Bowling, one of the stalwarts of the old Battalion is also a patient there but we are glad to see him attend our last meeting. Jack has been a tower of strength to our Association over the years and is always welcome at our gatherings. It will be of interest to the Troops to learn that F. W. Craig, an indefatigable worker for the returned man, has re-



cently been honoured by being made a Life Member of the Canadian Legion, Branch 179. B.E.S.L. in the city.

We regret to record the passing of T. J. Doherty which took place on February 29th. Interment was made in the Returned Soldier's Plot in Mountain View Cemetery.

At the recent annual meeting, the following slate of officers was elected to guide the destinies of our Association for 1948: President, H. R. Ducommun; 1st Vice-Pres., S. Henke; 2nd Vice-Pres., B. Collin; Sec.-Treas., A. G. Rowland; Auditor, M. A. R. Howard; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. T. Peterson. The following were elected to the Executive: L. Blackhall, F. W. Craig, J. Hadden, C. H. Waterhouse, R. J. Ward. Our report would not be complete without offering a bouquet of orchids to the Ladies' Auxiliary in appreciation of their continued interest and support in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Troops, their good offices and ready co-operation at all times have been most helpful. May we take this opportunity of extending a very hearty welcome to any comrades who may be visiting this Evergreen Playground this year? Our headquarters are situated in the Castle Hotel which is centrally located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, on Granville Street, directly opposite the Old Vancouver Hotel. Our meetings are held there on the third Friday in each month and all visiting ex-members of the Regiment are always most welcome. The President's name and telephone number are kept on hand there so connections can easily be made with the Troops.

We cannot close this summary of our activities without placing on record our thanks to the corresponding secretary of the Parent Association in Edmonton for his ready advice and assistance which are always so much appreciated. In the parlance of the Troops we say to Norman Arnold, "Thanks a million."

We are reminded by the hands of the clock that our allotment on the air is just about through so we have now only time to wish you all the very best of good luck, good night and good listening!

(This is Station HRD-AGR at Vancouver, British Columbia, leaving the air at 11:55 p.m. P.S.T.).

#### LADIES' AUXILIARY

Hello Forty-Niners. Once again it is time to tell you a little about the "doings" of our Vancouver Branch of the Ladies' Auxiliary. As usual our Christmas Party was a very jolly affair. The Bazaar, which was held in Dec., was also a real success. Donations were given to the Poppy Fund and Spastic Society. We hear from our out of town members occasionally by mail.

Our annual meeting was held in April and the officers elected were as follows: Mrs. W. Wilson, Honorary President; Mrs. M. Chesterton, President; Miss E. Bingley, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. G. E. Goode, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. M. V. Hadden, Secretary and Press Convener; Mrs. J. Collin, Treasurer and Sewing Convener; Mrs. D. W. McPhee, Social Convener; Mrs. M. McIlveen, co-Convener; Mrs. R. Ward, Door Guard; Mrs. R. Lamb and Mrs. G. Nicol, Sick Membership Visiting; Mrs. Collin and Mrs. McIlveen, Hospital Visiting.

Mrs. Waterhouse, who has capably managed the office of president for the past two years was presented with a gift at our annual banquet at the Georgia Hotel on May 7th.

(Mrs.) Vera Hadden, Secretary, (Mrs.) M. R. Chesterton, President.

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## FORTY-NINERS AND LOYALS REUNION DINNER

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Photo of those at the Reunion of Old and Young Battalions and Guests at the "Horse and Dolphin" in London. Amongst those in photo are men prominent in both battalions, the names were not positioned with photo, but you will be able to pick out your old cronies. All the names of those present are at the end of Sharp's story of the dinner.

The "Horse and Dolphin." I am sure that name must strike a chord of memory in many of you boys of the Loyals, for I noticed that inset along the edge of the bar of that ancient hostelry, and on the stools, there were numerous brass plates bearing your names. In fact I sat on a stool which bore the name of a one-time Colonel of yours. (That is one time the Colonel was "Saton." Ed.)

Well, it was in the "Horse and Dolphin" that we held our Re-union Dinner in London on the 20th February last. As is always the case when men who have served together and survived the hazards of war together, foregather in after-years, it was a very happy Re-union. Although the time was too short for we old 49ers to mix with and get to know the boys of the new Regiment, it was good to see that our gradually thinning ranks were being filled by our younger comrades who did such a magnificent job in the last spot of bother and who added laurels to the old 49th of which Alberta is so justly proud. I won't say that the 49th and the Loyals have actually put Alberta on the map, but at least they have made it a Province to be proud of in the annals of patriotism and loyalty to the Old Country.

Naturally, being an old 49er myself, I can't help giving these few notes a 49er twist, so forgive me if I revert, just for a moment, to the 1914-1918 days. We all knew, of course, that our Battalion, the 49th, was unique in many ways; but perhaps some may have forgotten that we were also unique in that our alphabetical nominal roll included a guy who answered his name when it came to the last letter of the alphabet—Z. Now, our Adjutant, Major Hobbins—whom we all remember with affection—was what I would call "nominally-roll-minded," and on the slightest provocation he would have another Roll made out. Being the martyr who had to keep continually typing out more than a thousand names and regimental numbers, you will realize with what joy I always welcomed the name of our dapper, energetic Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant—Zohrab! Well, at the Re-union, after 32 years, I met Zohrab again—still dapper, still energetic.

Now, Jack Petherick, in his speech, said a very true thing about my old friend Zohrab, and a thing I can most heartily endorse. "Zohrab," said Jack, "was perhaps the grandest fellow in the outfit. Did you want a pair of socks? Did you



want a pair of boots? Did you want a shirt? Did you want anything at all? Well then, you had only to go and ask Zohrab; and the answer was always 'NO!'

I understand that Zohrab has now some fairly high-standing Government job, controlling the issue of coal. All I can say is, we have been desperately short of that commodity over here. Now I wonder if—but no, one must not indulge in idle speculation.

We were honoured by the presence of the Hon. A. J. Hooke, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Economic Affairs for the Province of Alberta; R. A. McMullen, Agent-General for Alberta; Major E. E. Whelan, Calgary Highlanders, representing Col. A. Chambers, D.V.A.; Major C. D. Grant; and Capt. Aldridge of the 42nd.

In the chair was Captain Stan Fidler, and behind the scenes the quiet, unobtrusive, but very efficient and very enthusiastic "Brad" (W. M. Bradfield, 80010 "C" Coy.), who must have put in a tremendous amount of work in the organizing of such a successful evening.

Perhaps a side-light on some of our guests may be of interest. There was Mr. McMullen, genial and friendly, a fluent and able speaker who introduced to us the Hon. A. J. Hooke.

In the course of his address, the Hon. A. J. Hooke said that some people might think that because he was a Cabinet Minister he was a bit "stuffy." Well, we who were present can testify that there's nothing "stuffy" about Alf Hooke. He's a good mixer, a typical Albertan, and although his speech was in somewhat serious vein, there was nothing serious about its prelude, for he had a fund of witty stories which he put over with great effect.

One was struck by the sincerity and warmth of feeling displayed by Capt. Aldridge when giving the Toast of the Regiment, and we were all very pleased that our old buddies, the Forty-Twa had honoured us by sending him as their representative to attend our Re-union.

Here are the Toasts:

**"The 49th Bn. Loyal Edmonton Regiment" —  
Capt. Aldridge (42nd Bn.):**

It is a very great honour you have given me tonight in allowing me to propose this toast. As most of you know, the 42nd and the 49th were blood-brothers. We arrived at St. Martin's Plains together; we were in adjacent lines; we used to lose our kit regularly and find it in each others lines; we dug the same trenches and we filled the same trenches the same day; and we went to the ranges together. If there was any difference between us, it was probably in our Colonels. The 42nd Colonel would shake his head sorrowfully and say, "Oh, that's all; don't do it again." On the other hand, I understand Billy Griesbach used to say, "Don't hand me that line. Get the hell out of here, quick!"

We palled up together and went over to France together, and had many stirring times together right on to the bitter end, and we all turned up at Mons together. It is for that reason that I am so proud this evening to give you the toast of your Regiment.

The old-timers, of course, thought themselves a very fine bunch of men, as indeed they were, for you will recall that the 49th had two V.C.'s. in the 1st World War. And when this war came, I expect the old-timers said to themselves, "I wonder what the new blokes are like. Are they going to live up

to the traditions we made for them?" Well, it was not long before we all knew absolutely that not only would they maintain those traditions but would probably make new ones for themselves. They gave us the classic example of a man rising from Private to Commanding Officer, who led them on from Sicily to the Hitler Line, the Gothic Line, the Gustave Line, and, as if that was not enough, they then went into Belgium, France and Holland. I understand that some of them even reached Russia, up to Archangel. That was a pretty good tour for a small unit from Edmonton to go, and in the course of that they acquired a new name, "The Loyal Edmonton Regiment," and that name, coupled with that of the 49th, has been a wonderful advertisement for Edmonton, Alberta, and Canada. Wherever they have gone throughout the world they have carried a fine team spirit with them, and that spirit is exemplified here tonight in this Re-Union.

**Capt. Jack Petherick, in reply:**

It is particularly pleasing to all of us that this Toast should have been proposed by a member of the Forty-Twa. From the time of our arrival at Shorncliffe a wonderful spirit existed between the two Battalions, and I never think of the 49th without thinking of the 42nd as well.

It is 33 years ago last month since the 49th Battalion was founded, and I am glad that Mr. Bradfield has arranged this little Re-Union, because we need to remember and keep alive that spirit of sacrifice of so many of our comrades, and that wonderful comradeship that we enjoyed together in the war.

Looking back over those 33 years, we think first of all of our Colonel, Major General Griesbach, C.B., G.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. To us he was just "Billy," the father of our Regiment. And in thinking of him we are bound to link with him the name of Major Hobbins. They have both passed on, but "To live in hearts you leave behind is not to die," and their spirit remains.

After the Loyal Edmonton came over in 1939 we thought they were a devil of a long time in England, because for a year and a half we were short of beer!—(laughter). But they finally left England and landed in Sicily, and some of them even got as far as Berlin.

I met the Colonel's widow, Mrs. Griesbach, in Edmonton last summer. She still keeps up the traditions of the Battalion, and she asked me to convey to any old 49er whom I met when I got back to this country, her love and best wishes. I also attended the parade at the Cenotaph in Edmonton. The one thing that struck me was the absence of the younger generation. They do not seem to have the Re-union spirit yet, but I hope it is only a passing phase.

I should like to thank Capt. Aldridge for the very nice things he has said about us and for the way in which he proposed the toast.

The Chairman gave a silent Toast to "Absent Friends."

**Mr. R. A. McMullen (Agent General for Alberta):**

I am given to understand that this is the first Re-union Dinner of the 49th and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. I hope it will be an annual event and that I may be privileged to attend regularly.

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duce my Minister, the Hon. A. J. Hooke, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Economic Affairs for Alberta. Perhaps you may wonder how he happens to be in that position. In 1943 the Alberta Government established a Post-War Reconstruction Committee for the purpose of advising ways and means of rehabilitating veterans on the cessation of hostilities. Mr. Hooke was first a member of that Committee and later its chairman. He was mainly responsible for drafting much of the legislation which subsequently was greatly appreciated by many of the boys who came over here. In 1944 the Department of Economic Affairs became established and Alf Hooke became its first Minister. Mr. Hooke also saw to it that the veteran who had been in the war came back and got the seniority in the Civil Service which he would have enjoyed had he not been to the war. In almost every instance when vacancies occurred in the Provincial Government service, he saw to it that veterans were given preference.

It is a pleasure to be here and to introduce to you Alf Hooke, who today as a result of his effort has united the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Canadian Legion, the Veterans and the Government in its effort to rehabilitate our men who fought so valiantly in the last war.

**The Hon. A. J. Hooke:**

I am very pleased to be here tonight, for I am personally acquainted with a good many members of both the 49th and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. One of my school teachers was a 49er, H. E. Tanner, whom I have always held in the highest regard, and I know that the Regiment was made up for the most part of men of his type and spirit.

Twice within my lifetime we have fought a battle to save democracy for the world. Now, "Democracy" has become a very much prostituted word, until today we do not know exactly what it does mean. It ought to mean a form of government in which the people get the results they want from the management of their affairs; and when we look at the results that the people have got from the management of their affairs we know perfectly well they have not got the results they want. We see increased taxes, increased public debts, we see wars, depreciation, regimentation, rationing, and regulations on every hand. Surely we know that the people do not want any of these things.

When you joined the 49th or the Loyal Edmonton Regiment you were not thinking of politics. You banded yourselves together to bring about a certain result, and the result was the saving of democracy. When we think of economic security and freedom, we know that they are the two things you want, and we know quite well that the world ought to be capable of providing economic security for everyone.

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—Ernie Sharp.

**List of Those Present at Re-union Dinner**  
Ackroyd, J. E., 161078, D Coy., 49th.  
Barber, A. B., 808663, C Coy., 49th.  
Blaine, G. S., M16434, Hdqtrs., Loyal.  
Blaine, R. M., M16405, Hdqtrs., Loyal.  
Boxall, P., (MM), 456729, A Coy., 49th.  
Bradfield, W. M., 80010, C Coy., 49th.



Darke, R. H., 904094, 49th.  
 Davies, W. G. (DCM), M15559, A Coy., Loyal.  
 Fewkes, C. B., 432448, D, later Hdqtrs., 49th.  
 Fidler, S. (Capt.), Loyal.  
 Gutteridge, V. L., 446032, B Coy., 49th.  
 Honol, E. T., M16598, Loyal.  
 Hurman, W. H., 432183, D Coy., 49th.  
 Kitchen, W. C., 432141, A Coy., 49th.  
 May, H., 432237, C Coy., 49th.  
 Maynard, F. H., 404403, Hdqtrs., 49th.  
 Petherick, A. Capt. (MC), C Coy., 49th.  
 Pell, R. Major, Loyal.  
 Sharp, E. J., 433041, A Coy., 49th.  
 Snyder, J. L., 436720, C Coy., 49th.  
 Whitfield, C. R., 434494, A Coy., 49th.  
 Wingfield, H. J., M15678, Hdqtrs., Loyal.  
 Zohrab, L. T. T., Capt., C Coy., 49th.  
 Hon. A. J. Hooke, Provincial Secretary and  
 Minister of Economic Welfare.  
 R. A. McMullen, Agent General for Alberta.  
 Capt. J. Aldridge, M.M., 42nd Bn.  
 Major E. E. Whelan, Calgary Highlander, rep-  
 resenting Col. A. Chambers, D.V.A.  
 Major J. Ferguson, British Legion.  
 Synder, Jack.  
 Major C. D. Grant.  
 Prentice, H.

#### Brings News from Blighty

David Rosser, who served in the 51st Bn. paid a visit to the Editor to pass along news from some of the boys in the Old Country. He called in the last week of December and had quite a few stories of conditions in the Old Land to relate. He knew quite a goodly number of the boys whose names appear in the re-union story. Rosser now lives at 10236 123rd Street, Edmonton.

#### MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION

We have endeavoured to mail a copy of the Forty-Niner to all those whose names and addresses were on our list. This was not always possible owing to the expense involved and our small dues, which applies now even at the rate of \$1.00 a year. However, at a meeting in June of your executive it was passed that we send copies of the next two issues, July 1948 and Jan. 1949, to all members on our list.

Some attempt has been made by our Branches to donate towards the cost of the publication, but whether this was done or not, a copy has gone out to all branch members as long as we had their names and addresses. The rule is a man can belong to the branch in his locality, or to the Parent body in Edmonton, which ever he prefers. One Calgary branch has been helpful by sending along Ads for all our issues. Chiefly by the good work of Jimmy McMillan.

If you are not a regular contributor and wish to help the Association and receive all issues of the Forty-Niner, would you please send along your yearly dues of \$1.00. If you consider you are behind with dues and unable to pay for the "sins of omission" of the past, send along this year's dues, anyway, and then keep up the good work.

This does not apply to courtesy members, but only to those who served with any of the battalions of the Regiment, and are or wish to become members.

It is very rarely we make an appeal in this manner for dues to be forwarded, so we feel sure you will see the urgency of our request. We know you wish to keep contact with your fellows of the war years and know of their life and doings on "Civvy Street," so help to keep the means to this end in being by your aid. "Give us the Tools, We'll Finish the Job."

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## OLD VET PATTERSON "SHOOTS THE BULL" TO YOUNG VET FELDMAN



This picture was taken at the banquet. Evidently the advice is being taken with a grain of salt by the smirk on Feldman's face. Or, is it the slice of cucumber which Mike says, gives the 'nectar' that added zest, which causes the pleasant looks. Tex Wilkins, centre, seems to be interested in the 'small talk.'

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

### D Company

W. H. Collins, R.R. 1, Tuxford, Sask., says we are snowed in again this year, but not as bad as last year. It nearly covered Jim Crandon in last year for he could drive up a snowbank to the peak of his one storey shack. He wishes to be remembered to all his old friends. Collins writing about Wingfield's story of last Jan. issue, "Reconnoitring Patrol Goes Scouting Towards Petit Vimy," has this to say: "I wonder if you could send me W. Wingfield's address as I cannot place him and he doesn't mention any rank. Major Winsor was with us, a Sergt. Major (Wyndham), and a Sergeant (MacKay) and only a handful of men."

"I was a bomber and I went in a married man's place, I forget his name. I cannot remember any of the men's names now, but there was a 'Shorty' shooting grenades out of a rifle and a big fellow with me. Fritz heaved a bomb at us and it fetched him off his feet. I was carrying a bag of bombs and they made me double up a bit. Stopping a piece of shrapnel in the back, a Red Cross man took it out at Mont St. Eloi. We sure had a time getting back to Villers Au Bois. A Chaplain was in the dressing station in the Sunken Road, which was marked by a flag, this was on the 10th of April, he went to the Brigade dugout and brought me the best cup of coffee I ever had in France."

Jack James, 101714, D Coy., also writes in corroboration of Wingfield's story: "Just a few lines to thank you for the good reading we get in the 49th magazine which I received in January. It is certainly good to see the photographs of some of the old boys in the magazine. I was with that bunch coming out of the line when the gas shells were put over in front of us and little Jimmy from

Cobalt was gassed. We were ordered to go to Pylones Trench, but everyone of the boys thought the officer said, 'Pile Arms.' I was the stretcher bearer with 16 platoon at the time." Jack wishes the best to Harry Stonehewer and all the rest of Steady D Company.

### VIMY RIDGE

**Wingfield's Account Corroborated and Criticized**  
J. L. Irwin, O.C. 15 Platoon, D Coy.

I agree with Moran's grievance also. In reading Wingfield's story I felt that "Steady D" was left out in the cold considerably for all that happened to my old company on the 10th. I will give a brief resume from memory when we marched off from Villers au Bois. (Wingfield belonged to Steady D. Ed.)

The battalion fell in around 1800 hours on April 8th, 1917, of course. Major Winsor was O.C. of D, Puss Malone, 2 i/c. and McKay, Patterson, myself and Downton, lieutenants in command of 13, 14, 15 and 16 platoons, respectively. It was a stormy evening, fast travelling clouds above and all round us was a large gathering of troops come to see us off. Two of my old 63rd Sergt. friends had come from 10 miles away to see me off which was decent of them. I remember calling the roll with a cigarette in my mouth. Once we were properly on the way there would be no more smokes till we got under cover. The band struck up Bonnie Dundee, the troops cheered us and we were off for the big show.

It took a long time to make the Grange tunnel. A hell of a strafe started up when we were in the C.T. trench en route and we halted for two hours and more. It was quite dark by then. I had



Pat Keogh with me (Sergt.) and as the waiting became tiresome and it was a bit on the cold side I pulled out my flask which had Scotch in it and offered him a drink before taking one myself. I will never forget Pat's thirst on that occasion and I was anxious as to whether I'd get a nip myself or not, but I did. We hit the Grange tunnel around midnight and a room of it was reserved for my platoon. There were the usual wire spring bunks in it so I got my boys to bed and settled myself in a biscuit box to spend the night as all bunks by then were gone. I wasn't going over on the 9th at zero hour (500 hours). We were reserved for mopping up and fatigues for that day. My sleep was negligible needless to say and a few minutes before zero hour I went out of the tunnel to watch coming events. It was peaceful and utterly silent. Then it came with 9.2's hub to hub and going off like machine guns. Never in my life had I listened to such a fury of noise and probably never will again.

After a while the wounded started to come in. At first it was our own boys who had got ahead of our barrage. All back wounds and being carried in lying on their stomachs. Later all types of wounded came, ours and Huns, and then oodles of prisoners. If I remember right our objective was gained at around 1100 hours. In the afternoon my platoon was detailed for a carrying party to the forward position—picks and water. We hunted up a guide and while waiting for him old (Gen.) Archie Mac came up to me and said (Where are you going, my boy?) I told him and he replied, "Be careful now. There's a lot of stuff falling over there!" I'll never forget the kindly way he said it as if he were discussing some general subject at a tea party. A grand old fighter, that.

Well, we reached our objective with the guide's help and returned to the Grange tunnel without casualties. That night I got a little sleep at company H.Q. rolled up in a blanket on the cement floor beside Maj. Winsor. The next morning I was detailed to take my platoon down the Ridge on a reconnaissance, zero hour 1700 hours and to get my boys served with bombs and ammunition. Pat (Lieut. Patterson) was to do the same with his platoon 100 yards to my right. We reached our objective around 1630 hours and waited for zero. Hughie McKay was my sergeant and amongst others I had Kinross, who on previous occasions had acted as my runner and little Bokkus my batman. Before we went over I told Bokkus to wait in the trench till we got back. He'd had 2 years' service and was due for a break. Anyway as a batman he wasn't supposed to go. He just grunted. Before going over I remember so well Hughie saying: "If you get killed do I take over?" to which I replied, "Of course!"

Well, we started and it was a quiet peaceful evening. La Folie wood was still a wood then and the birds were singing springtime songs in the trees. War seemed a long way off, but it wasn't. I lasted exactly 5 minutes and got a bullet through the left eye. It must have been around 25 yards range because we could see no further in the wood with the slope ahead of us. I never heard that shot, too close to it I expect. Just a gentle tap on the head and I went back into a Hun trench. I never remember hitting the bottom. Kinross and Bokkus whom I'd ordered to stay behind were right behind me. As soon as I hit the trench bottom Kinross yelled "Pass the word Mr. Irwin's killed." He paused a minute, saw me move and yelled again "Mr. Irwin's wounded." All this I

learned later of course. When I came to there was plenty of action. I tried to get out my emergency dressing kit as I was bleeding pretty heavily but a stretcher bearer, whose name has slipped my memory just at this moment, came and fixed me up, and then took me back to my starting point. Hughie got the platoon back, fighting all the way, behind trees. I lost one man. Tetrault I believe it was. He got it through the head too, never regained consciousness they told me later and passed on 4 days later, poor chap. I remember passing him later in the evening on my way back to the Grange.

While I was waiting for someone to take me back—lying in a captured Hun dug-out, history was being made by Bob Wyndham. After my platoon returned he noticed a strong concentration of Huns coming toward him. They all had their hands up and he thought they were surrendering. As they got closer however, he noticed egg bombs round their thumbs. The RCR's were holding the line but for some reason there was no one on the Lewis gun. Bob grabbed it and it jammed once or twice but he got it going just in time. They seemed to be about half battalion strength, a large portion of which Bob mowed down single handed. By so doing he saved that portion of the ridge from recapture and saved me from going to Germany as POW where I might have pegged out if I hadn't received the proper care as at that moment I was in a bit of a mess.

Later Hughie and Cpl. Bruce came to take me back to the Grange. They wanted me to have a stretcher, but it was cold and I said I'd walk. I'd had a shot of morphine I think, and what with that, and a cigarette and their good company combined with the fact that I'd been pretty lucky to be alive at all, I was perfectly happy.

It was a mile or so of a walk and as we approached the tunnel we ran into Maj. Winsor, who insisted that I finish the jaunt on a stretcher. I was getting a bit wobbly by then so I consented and Moran got me one. As I lay on the floor of the tunnel waiting to get to the dressing station, I shall always remember Maj. Chattell and then Harry Nolan coming out to see me. I shall always remember their words of cheer. They were fine fellows.

I eventually landed at the 3rd London General Hospital at Wandsworth. Jim Lowry and George Hunt, both as you know officers of the 49th and wounded at Vimy went there also. Later Bob Wyndham and Hughie came to see me there. They were over to get their commissions. Bob had got the DCM for what he did on the evening of the 10th, which I have just described.

Several months later little Bokkus came to see me. I asked him what he meant by disobeying my orders when I learned he'd been behind me all the time till I was hit, to which he replied, "Hell, do you think I'd obey them kind of orders." That's something else I shall always remember together with his next remark to the effect that he was back at divisional H.Q. on a more or less cushy job. He'd had 2 years and more of the line and he had decided to let someone else have a go at it. But he told them at H.Q. that he was taking on that div. H.Q. job on the distinct understanding that I wasn't coming back. "If Mr. Irwin does come back I'm going up the line with him again," he stated. I value these two utterances on the same par as any decoration which might have been handed to me.

This is a brief and somewhat rambling account from memory. Thirty-one years have drifted by

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and many details I would like to add have faded from my mind.

Pat was wounded also on that reconnaissance but didn't make Blighty. Hughie also, with a bomb wound on the hand. He and Pat walked to the dressing station together later. Hughie I hear is now dead. The last I heard of Bob Wyndham was that he'd married someone who owned a pub down Ealing way and had decided to take things a bit easier.

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"Pat" Patterson, Platoon Commander, D Company

Jack's recollection of what took place is clearer than mine. There are certain things that I remember distinctly. One Kostis Fotis was the first "over the top" on the morning of the raid to which Irwin refers. Irwin took his platoon down one trench and I took mine down the other. Fotis was shot through the neck shortly after he had gone over.

We bombed down the trench for a considerable distance and received a shower of "potato mashers" apparently thrown from the bush on either side. We met no resistance in the trench.

It was evident that we were in danger of being closed in upon from behind and Winsor after a time ordered us to pull back. There were no casualties other than Fotis and myself. I was the last to get back into our front line trench and received slight injuries from an "egg bomb" just as I was getting back.

My recollection is that Sgt. Elliot was in charge of the 14th Platoon.

I remember much of what Irwin states about the trip back that night. Irwin, of course, was badly wounded. The wound, however, did not affect his ability to walk out himself.

There is one thing I do recall distinctly and that is one of the officers of the Company holding the front line, and I believe he was of the "C.M.R. Battalion," suggested that I should bomb down the trench and when we met considerable resistance should be prepared to withdraw as one of their platoons had gone down the previous day and did not return. Apparently all the members were either killed or captured.

### Proud Daddies

Southall: To Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Southall, at the University Hospital, on June 11, a son, Geoffrey Warren. Ed served in the 1st Bn. and a brother in the R.C.A.F. His dad served in War 1.

Weaver: Born to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Weaver (nee Chattell) a daughter, Barbara Ann, June 16, 1948, at the University Hospital. The parents are both connected to the 49th. James' dad being the late Col. C. Y. Weaver and Mrs. James' dad the late Major Chattell, both having been held in high esteem by all Forty-Niners.

### Congratulations

Hidson—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hidson (nee Phyliss June McLennan) at the Misericordia Hospital, Saturday, May 29th, a daughter, Dilys Carol. Weight 8 lbs. 2 ozs.

### Black Watch Leaves Pakistan

Karachi, (Reuters)—With colors raised, bayonets fixed and pipes skirling, the Black Watch marched from Pakistan one Thursday last February, the last British unit to leave the Moslem dominion.

**Neville H. Jones Retires**

The following letter was received by the executive at a meeting in June to arrange for the church parade and picnic.

11252 125th St., June 16th, 1948.

J. C. Jefferson, Esq., President.

Dear Mr. President:

At the last Executive Meeting of the association I gave notice that I wished to resign from the office of Hon. Treasurer, but would carry on until April 30th.

It was agreed by the executive that I be given an assistant, Mr. Jack Madore, and as I wish to carry out my intention of resigning, I would respectfully ask the executive to accept my resignation forthwith.

I feel that having had the honor of being Hon. Treas. for the association since 1919, a matter of 29 years, I am now entitled to retire.

I hope to still reside in Edmonton, thereby keeping in touch with the many friends, and old and new comrades in our Association I have had the pleasure to be acquainted with.

I wish at this time to express my deep appreciation to you and all members of the Executive and the Association for the many happy times we have had together, and the co-operation I have received from one and all. In closing, I wish the Association every success in its activities for many years to come.

Yours very sincerely, Neville H. Jones.

It is hard to realize that Neville is at last relinquishing office, but one can readily understand it is of necessity rather than inclination, and a truer 'watchdog of the treasury' never held office in any organization. More will be heard and said in regards to his retirement at the next General Meeting, and in the meantime, it is well to know that he is still to be living in Edmonton and thereby will still be available for advice and assistance. So we will wish him a long and successful life amongst his friends in Edmonton.

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**Interested in Magazine**

Mrs. E. F. Seabrook, widow of Sgt. F. Seabrook, Wainwright, Alta., sent along \$2.00 for the magazine. This is a purely voluntary contribution as Mrs. Seabrook is on our courtesy list. In her letter she says: "Your last issue was very interesting with news of Wainwright and of the boys who once lived here, although some have passed on, but their memory will always be with us. With every good wish and success to the Forty-Niners." We thank Mrs. Seabrook for her kind words.

Mrs. H. E. Herrick, Minburn, Alta., writing to Bert Hidson, sends along 50 cents for copies of the Forty-Niner. In part she writes as follows: "My two sons Gail and Ralph Blaine were with the 1st Bn. Loyal Edmonton Regiment when they went overseas, and were at a banquet just before they went back to Lingfield, Surrey, England. They attended the banquet in London last winter (see story in this issue, Ed.) their pictures were taken and they understood would be in the Forty-Niner. I would like very much to have the Forty-Niner the picture is in." Mrs. Herrick requested to know the subscription for the magazine, but her name has been added to the courtesy list.

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## CONGRATULATIONS



Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLean  
Celebrate Golden Wedding

On the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLean, 11251 95A Street, were honoured at a reception. Edmonton old-timers, the couple were married in Edmonton, March 9th, 1898, by the late Rev. D. G. McQueen. They are members of the Northern Alberta Old-Timers Association and of Erskine United Church. They have four sons, three daughters and 12 grandchildren. Many city and out-of-town relatives and friends called to congratulate the couple. Hugh McLean, No. 100243, enlisted with the 66th and later served with the 49th in France and Flanders. He is a stalwart member of our association. Our good wishes are extended to our friend and his wife.

## Laurie of Mallaig Broadcasting

Robert C. Laurie, 905196, 10 Platoon, C company, 49th, although living out in the country usually has something of interest to tell us when he writes in to H.Q. He was interested in the photos and the writeups of the boys at Vancouver in our last issue and says it brings back pleasant memories. Laurie was saddened to read in the papers of "Tony" Peterson's passing, but was pleased to see one of his old comrades in the person of Preisig acted as pallbearer. Preisig, he remembers, was the goalkeeper of the football team during his time. Percy Keen, 14 Platoon, is back at St. Paul with his family and Bob thinks he intends to stay. In a news clipping he sent was the following: "March 17 will be a red letter day for thousands of Erin's sons. Also expecting it to be slightly out of the ordinary is 18-year-old Gordon Haight, Edmonton-born track slicker who won the 1,000 yard run at the N.A.A.U. indoor track and field championship in Madison Square two weeks ago . . . Nephew of LeRoy Goldsworthy, young Haight will be in Montreal on St. Patrick's Day (he lives with his parents in Hamilton) to receive the Viscount Alexander trophy, emblematic of his rating as Canada's No. 1 junior athlete for 1947 . . ." He believes Gordon is a son of Harold Haight, 194 Bn., 12 platoon, C company, 49th. Harold was severely wounded in the Avion raid and was evacuated home.

Noticing a lot about Nahanni, Laurie says two of the first prospectors who went amissing there were the McLeod boys. Brothers of George (Tony) McLeod, runner of B company, 49th, who was severely wounded at Passchendaele and now lives at the coast. Finally, Robert is very pleased we are able to carry on with the 49er, and appreciates what the committee is doing to keep it going.

## Amps. Elect Officers

At a meeting last January, Larry Bradley, 2nd War Veteran, was elected president of the Edmonton branch of the War Amputations Association of Canada. The following 49ers were elected to office: Secretary E. P. Tannous; executive members, L. Hitchcock and C. Wampler. Charlie Wampler, retiring president, expressed satisfaction at the large number of "Amps" taking increased responsibility in the affairs of the association.

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Spring flowers decorated the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Walter Crabb, 9715-105th Street, for the wedding Friday, April 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. of their daughter, Jean Audrey Crabb and Bernard Alberta Langdon, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George H. A. Langdon. The Rev. J. Herbison performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Langdon now reside at 9807-82nd Ave. The father of the bride served with A Company 49th, War 1.

**Scott—Burditt**

At St. Giles' Parish Church, Desborough, Northants, on 3rd April, 1948, by the Rev. E. C. King, James McDonald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. James McD. Scott, 22 Melville Terrace, Edinburgh, to Anne, twin daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Howard Burditt, 82 Rothwell Road, Desborough, Northamptonshire. Jas. McD. Scott was a well known member of Steady D in the First Great War.

**Rimmer—Tanner**

Saturday, Dec. 27th of Christmas week, 1947, saw the wedding of Miss Elsie Margaret Tanner, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tanner, of Edmonton, to Mr. Robert William Rimmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rimmer, of Calgary, which took place in Knox United Church. Rev. D. C. Ramsey performed the ceremony. At the reception later Mayor H. D. Ainlay proposed the toast to the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Rimmer will reside temporarily in Edmonton. Mr. Tanner served in D coy. 49th.

**Jones—Dean**

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean announce the marriage of their daughter, Aldis Lillian, to Mr. Arthur Lorne Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan I. Jones, of Viking, Alberta. The wedding took place last Dec. 12, at First Baptist Church, Edmonton. Rev. Daniel Young officiated. Ray Dean served in A Company of the 49th.

**Boisvert—Goodwin**

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin of Athabasca, Alberta, wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret (Peggy) to Eugene Boisvert, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Boisvert of Kinuso, Alberta. The wedding took place February 21, 1948, at 5:30 p.m., in Robertson United Church. Rev. MacQueen officiated. Sam Goodwin served in Steady D, 49th.

**Jones—Parker**

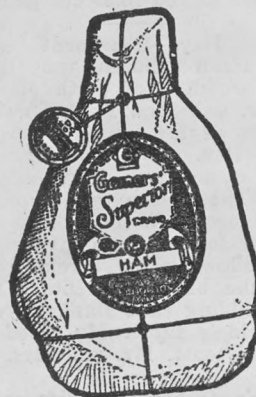
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parker of Edmonton, announce the marriage of their only daughter, Margaret Addie, to John Gwilym Jones, only son of Mrs. Muriel Jones of Red Deer. The marriage took place Friday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. J. Herbison officiated. Mr. Parker served in C company, 49th.

**Harvey—Porritt**

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Porritt, wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Audrey, to Mr. J. Murray Harvey, son of Mr. James Harvey of Victoria, B.C. The marriage took place Monday, March 15, at 3:30 p.m., in the Chapel of All Saints Cathedral. The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell officiated. Porritt saw service in D company, 49th.

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**Heller—Fulton**

White and yellow chrysanthemums decorated Armstrong United Church, Armstrong, B.C., at the wedding last January of Miss Muriel Evangelina Fulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fulton, and Robert Dougal Heller, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Heller. The Rev. T. Runnalls performed the ceremony. Mr. Runnalls proposed the toast to the bride. Mr. Heller served in D company of the 49th.

**Hay—Eberhardt**

Grace Lutheran Church was the scene last March of the wedding of Ruth Marie Eberhardt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Emil Eberhardt to Gary Earle Hay, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hay, all of Edmonton. Rev. C. O. Beiderwieden, brother of the bride, came from Vancouver to perform the ceremony. The church was decorated with daffodils for the occasion. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Jack Lavery was best man. A reception following the ceremony was held at the home of the bride's parents, 11411 85th St. A three-tier wedding cake flanked by white tapers centred the bride's table. Mr. Biederwieden proposed the bridal toast. Mr. and Mrs. Hay will live in Edmonton.

The groom's father is a life member of the association and held the office of Hon. Secretary for the greater part of our organization's life until his retirement a year or so ago. Earle Hay served in A company and the Transport of the 49th.

**Wigham—Corbett**

The marriage took place in June at Norwood United Church of Miss Dorothy Anne Corbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Corbett and Mr. William Wigham, the eldest son of Mr. J. W. Wigham and the late Mrs. Wigham. The groom's father served in C company of the 49th, War 1.

**Davis—Purkiss**

The marriage took place in St. Faith's Anglican Church last April of Evelyn Florence Purkiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Purkiss and Mr. Gordon Robert Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, all of Edmonton. They will make their home in Edmonton at 11418 85th Street. Johnny Purkiss, the bride's father, served in D company, 49th.

**Wilson—MacDonald**

The wedding of Mary McKnight, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. MacDonald, and Mr. James Fletcher Wilson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson, all of Edmonton, took place before the decorated altar of Knox United Church late Saturday afternoon, June 12th. Rev. Gerald Rogers performed the ceremony, in which the bride was given in marriage by her father. Miss Betty MacDonald was her sister's only attendant. Mr. Kenneth Wilson was best man, and ushers were Mr. Robert MacDonald, brother of the bride, and Mr. Gordon Long. A reception for 100 guests was held at the Highlands' home of the bride's parents. Toast to the bride was proposed by Mr. Rogers. The groom is a 1948 graduate in commerce from the University of Alberta. Mrs. G. D. Monteath and Mrs. W. B. Latta of Dumbarton, Scotland, aunts of the bride attended the wedding.

**Peart—Johnston**

The wedding took place last June of Miss Olive Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnston of Edmonton and Mr. Alfred Peart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peart, Sr., of Edmonton. The honeymoon was spent at Calgary and Banff. The couple will reside in Edmonton. Alfred, Sr., served in the P.P.C.L.I. in War 1, and in the 1st Bn. The Loyal Edmonton Regiment in War 2. This item was the footnote to a photo in a local paper.



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**Willson—Stocks**

The wedding took place last May in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Miss Maureen Flora Stocks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Stocks, and George Robert Willson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Willson, all of Edmonton. The couple have their home in Edmonton. The groom's father served in B company, War 1, and also served in the infantry, War 2. The item above was the footnote to a photo in a local paper last May 29th.

**McDonald—Neal**

The wedding took place in Knox United Church last May of Miss Barbara Joan Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Neal of Edmonton and Frank Ewart McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murdo McDonald of Mayerthorpe. They are residing in Edmonton. The groom's father, Murdo, served in B company, War 1.

**Thomson—Scott**

The marriage of Janet Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman, St. Monance, Fife, Scotland, to Alex Thomson of Edmonton. The wedding took place May 29th, at Fairbank Baptist Church, Toronto. Alex was with the 49th Pipe Band until transfer to the Pats in 1916 in France.

**Last of Overseas Brides Sail**

The last 12 of 69,000 continental and British wives of Canadian servicemen to be transported to the Dominion under government auspices, boarded the liner Aquitania last February and sailed for Halifax.

**Alberta Dragoons Elect Officers**

Louis Younger was re-elected president of the 19th Alberta Dragoons Association at an annual meeting and reunion held in Connaught Armoury last February. Growth of the organization was outlined by F. C. Jamieson. W. Oliver was named 1st Vice; W. Middlemass, 2nd Vice, and J. H. Airth, Secretary-Treasurer. Many of the officers, N.C.O's. and men of the 49th saw service with the Dragoons.

**Back in the Fold**

Brig. "Jeff" Jefferson, sent along the names of two Calgary 1st Bn. men. Jack Armit gave his address as Albert Park; and also the name of H. Peters, c/o Bruins Blk., 9th Avenue East. These men are anxious to receive the magazine and we hope they will send along further particulars as to their service, etc.

**Assist Corresponding Secretary**

Cpl. McVee, who works on the Edmonton Fire Department is assisting in retyping the names of all association members. F. C. Crawford walked in on him the other day and paid his dues. McVee was in the Signal platoon, number M15698 and Crawford, 6 platoon, H.Q. company, M15883.

**Brownlee Heads East Edmonton Liberals**

William R. Brownlee was elected president of the East Edmonton Federal Liberal Association at the annual meeting last March in 95th Street I.O.O.F. Hall. Bill served in the 49th in War 1.

**Howdy Pap**

Madore—To Captain and Mrs. E. G. Madore (nee Marie Binns), in Ottawa on June 21st, a son. Congratulations to one of the Loyal Eddy Madores.

**CHAPLAINS EXCHANGE VIEWS AT BANQUET**

Rev. J. A. McLellan, Rev. T. R. Davies, M.C.

**Named Chaplains**

It was officially announced last May of the retirement of Rev. E. T. Scragge as full time Protestant chaplain for the department of veterans affairs. Mr. Scragge had filled the office of Protestant Chaplain since December, 1944. A part-time chaplain service is to be carried out at the Col. Mewburn Pavilion, Government House and the Charles Camsell hospital. The three chaplains appointed for this service served overseas with the Canadian army. Rev. T. R. Davies, M.C. and Rev. W. E. Harrison, Protestant chaplains, and Rev. J. A. MacLellan, who served overseas as chaplain with the 1st Bn. L.E.R., is the Roman Catholic chaplain.

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## The Lancashire Lad

We regularly receive copies of the magazine of our Parent affiliate The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire) and we in turn send them our Forty-Niner. In the last March issue of their magazine the following appeared: "Lt. G. A. Rushton, 65th L.A.A. Regiment (Irish Fusiliers), R.C.A., visited the Depot (Preston) on September 4, 1947. He is over on leave from Canada, and has the Regiment very much to heart. He was commissioned into the 4th Battalion in Belgium in July, 1916. He served with the 2nd Battalion in Belgium in 1918, afterwards in the Army of Occupation, and finished his time with the Regiment in the 12th Battalion.

"During the last war he served with the 10th Veteran Guard, Canada, who were responsible for part of the Western Defences, in the event of Jap invasion. During the war he was very proud to wear his old Loyals insignia, as no Veteran Guard badges were available.

"On his return to Canada Lt. Rushton will be writing to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment to say he has made an official call on the Regiment. His visits were all too brief and the time too short in which to exchange all the news. He would be very pleased to hear from any Loyals who served with him during the 1914-18 War." (We had not received Rushton's communication as yet. Editor.).

## "Hardware" Costs Money

The government estimated last March it would cost \$2,500,000 for war-won campaign stars and medals in the next fiscal year.

## New Badge, Same Man

Regimental Sergeant Majors in the Canadian Army are to wear a distinctly Canadian badge in place of the Imperial designed insignia previously worn by these 'gentlemen.' On the badge is embroidered the Canadian Coat of Arms supported on the left by a silver lion rampant holding a lance bearing a blue banner charged with three gold fleur-de-lis. The Canadian coat of arms is surmounted by a silver royal helmet mantled, and a silver lion, imperially crowned and holding a red maple leaf in the right paw. The whole is ensigned with the Imperial crown and inscribed in gold on a blue scroll below is the motto, "A Mari Usque Ad Mare." Don't get the idea because the badge is new that the man has changed, so don't get overstaying your leave or acting 'smart alecky,' or else!

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**Rev. E. J. Bailey**

The call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of one of our War II chaplains was very pleasing to the troops. We hope Rev. Bailey will be here to enjoy our reunions for a long time to come.

**Lt.-Col. K. A. Hamilton**

Many years service was recognized in the reserve and active army last March when a number of men received awards. Lt.-Col. K. A. Hamilton was awarded the Canadian Efficiency Decoration. He was on active duty with the 1st Bn. Loyal Eddies. He is Consultant Medical Officer with D.V.A., Edmonton.

#### Hoots Mon

It seems to have been most fitting that Lt. Col. Bill Crompt should have been chosen as "haggis bearer" when the Edmonton Burn's Club held their annual meeting to honor the memory of Scotland's poet.

The bringing in the haggis to a Burn's dinner is almost as important as the toasts which are drunk to the immortal memory.

Newspaper reports say that our Bill was then the newest member of the Edmonton Club.

#### Old Country Stop Press News

Captain Stan Fidler, Executive Secretary, Gov't. of the Province of Alberta, 37 Hill St., Berkeley Square, London, W.1. "Bobby Druce," M16621, N. R. Druce, D. company, 23 John St. Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex. Bobby gave Wm. Bradfield these two names. C. Price, 252 Brighton Rd., Shoreham-by-Sea. C. Sabine, 72 Brighton Rd., Shoreham-by-Sea.

**Bertram Cowell**, M107505, enlisted April 2, 1943, aged 22. His posting was to 15 platoon, C company on December 24, 1943. Wounded April 14, 1945. He was discharged holding the rank of Corporal on August 2, 1945. Total service 29 months. Bert now resides at Donalda, Alta., where he is busy farming. Was in Mediterranean and Continental Europe. Hospital at Basingstoke, England.

#### Special Notice

We are short a few copies of the last January issue, 1948, No. 46. Will anyone having an extra copy please return to the Editor, N. Arnold, 11908 92nd Street, Edmonton. Some duplications were made to men who attended the last banquet and the copies are urgently needed. Thanks!

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# Last Post



In ever living memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 49th Battalion (Edmonton Regiment) who were killed in action, or died of wounds received in Belgium and France during 1914 to 1918, and to those who have since passed on mainly due to the ravages of war service; also to our "sons" who have passed on in this later renewal of our Battle.

"These men were victorious in death."

## TONY W. PETERSON

Funeral services for Mr. Tony W. Peterson, Rosedale, Alta., were conducted from Knox United Church, Drumheller, at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, February 5th. Rev. A. Edworthy officiated assisted by Deaconess R. Simpson, soloist, and Mrs. B. Vickers, organist. Music included "Abide With Me" as processional; solo by Miss Simpson "In the Garden" and hymn "Nearer My God To Thee." The recessional "Lay My Head Beneath a Rose" was by special request of Mr. Peterson.

Interment followed in the I.O.O.F. Plot of the Drumheller Cemetery where Drumheller Post, Canadian Legion, conducted graveside services.

Official Pallbearers were Messrs. Wm. Hibbert, Alcide Barre, Richard Davie, Cecil Preisig, John Terris, Ben W. Johnston. Honorary Pallbearers were Messrs. Ed. Harris, Dave Jones, Richard Bradshaw, Wm. Jones, Robert McPhee, Wm. Gibson. Winters & Lefebvre were in charge of funeral arrangements.

An abundance of floral tributes were received from his many friends and neighbors.

Tony, as he liked to be called by all who knew him, came to Rosedale in July, 1919, following four years service overseas with the original 49th Battalion Loyal Edmonton Regiment. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Minerva, one daughter, Sigrid, both of Rosedale and one son, Frank, of Edmonton, also two brothers in the United States, Eskil of San Francisco and Dan of Newport, Kentucky, as well as two brothers, Arvid and Rafael and three sisters, Fanny, Sigrid and Ester, all of Finland.

He is not dead, he is just away—We will meet again on a fairer day.

## AN APPRECIATION Tony Wilmer Peterson

I know I shall be expressing the feelings of many old Forty-Niners when I say with what real sorrow we have heard of the death of Tony Peterson, which occurred on February the first, from the effects of a heart attacked, hastened, no doubt, by an accident he suffered over a year ago.

Tony will, perhaps, best be remembered as that dapper little driver in the Transport Section whose team was always so well groomed and faultlessly turned out—and how well he did it too! This nicety, this lofty self respect, Tony carried with

## A GOOD SOLDIER



Tony Peterson

him into private life with meticulous care and constancy—it was, in fact, second nature to him.

His untimely passing is deeply mourned by his old comrades and especially by those of us who were so fortunate as to possess his friendship and prize it so greatly.

May his widow and family find some comfort in the knowledge that he has left behind a name that will long be remembered with affection and pride.

—A. G. Rowland, Vancouver, B.C.

## LAST POST

**Doherty** — On Sunday, February 29th, 1948, Thomas Joseph Doherty of 2941 E. 2nd Avenue, aged 66 years. He leaves to mourn his passing his sorrowing wife, and one daughter, Mrs. A. E. Mortimer. He served in 13 platoon, D company, War 1, and was a life member and honorary secretary of Canadian Legion Branch No. 183. His number was 432566. Funeral services took place Wednesday, March 3rd, in the Roselawn Funeral Chapel. Rev. G. Turpin officiated, and interment in the Returned Soldiers' Plot, Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver. A. G. Rowland, Vancouver Branch, sent along this news item.

**Bingley** — On Friday, June 4th, at his home, 424 Ninth Ave. N.W., Moose Jaw, James Henry Bingley passed away, aged 61. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 8th, with semi-military rites. Rev. D. G. Topping of St. George's Anglican Church officiated and interment took place in the Soldiers' Plot in Rosedale Cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, one daughter and one son. Enlisting with the 128th Battalion in World War 1, he was transferred to the 49th on arrival overseas, serving with B company. In World War 2, he served with the 77th Field Artillery.

## Joseph Henry Coward

On June 5th, aged 68 years, Joseph Henry Coward of Donnelly, Alta., passed away in Ed-

monton. He is survived by one brother, William of Girouxville, Alta., and two sisters. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 10th, Rev. E. S. Ottley officiated and interment took place in the Soldiers' Plot, Beechmount Cemetery. Pall bearers were: N. E. Cook, J. W. H. Williams, A. C. Nicholls, J. J. Blewett, C. H. Bunkum and N. Arnold, all 49th and Loyal Edmonton men.

#### Albert Croasdale

The following information was received in a letter from Mr. S. Downing, 15 Greenfield Avenue, Stourbridge, Worcestershire, England. "Dear Sir, This is to notify you that Albert Croasdale, who became a life member of the 49th Battalion in 1931, died on the 30th of December, 1947, aged 70 years. I believe he served from early in 1915 until his discharge in 1919, and has always taken a keen interest in the 49th Batt., and read from cover to cover all the magazines sent to him of the records of that battalion. His service number was 433132. Yours truly, S. Downing." Albert was a member of D company, and was always proud of having served in our Regiment.

#### F. J. Shaw

We are indebted to Mrs. Lena Shaw, 206 Sumach St., Toronto, for the following. "Dear Sir: I do thank you for sending the Forty-Niner to my husband who used to enjoy reading it, but I am sorry to say that he passed away the 21st of December, 1947, after a long illness. I would be glad if you would put it in your next issue so that any of his old pals of days gone by might see it, if you should have one to spare I would be grateful for it as I knew a few of the boys. I guess there are not many of the Old Forty-Niners they just go one by one, but there are the young ones of the last war and I do hope that they have good health after all they have done for others. My husband's regimental number is 171199." Mrs. Shaw speaks very highly of the treatment her husband received in Sunnybrook hospital by the doctors, nurses and orderlies.

#### John Sutherland

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, April 13th, of John Sutherland of 11024 100th Ave., who passed away in Edmonton, April 9th. Rev. Dr. W. T. Young officiated and interment was made in the Edmonton Cemetery. He leaves his loving wife, two daughters, three brothers of whom W. D. served in B company, War 1, three sisters, one Mrs. J. Dewar, wife of Jimmy Dewar of D company, 49th, War 1.

#### George Jepson

J. J. Nolan forwarded a news clipping as below: Jepson—In this city, March 13th, 1948, George Jepson, a native of England. Funeral services were held Monday, March 15th, at 1:30 p.m., at the Chapel of H. F. Suhr Co. Inurnment, Woodlawn Columbarium. J. J. Nolan, a member of D company, 49th, represented the Association and placed a tribute on behalf of all his comrades. We are indebted to Nolan, 2736 Ulloa St., San Francisco, Cal., for his fine action at the passing of our comrade.

#### Dudley Binnie

Funeral of the late Dudley Binnie was held from the United Church, Grimshaw, Wednesday, April 8th, with Rev. D. Day of Berwyn, officiating. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, he was 57 years at his death. He suffered serious disability from war wounds which had incapacitated him ever since. He leaves two brothers and two sisters. He served in B company, 49th.

#### John Belmont Fettes

On February 1, 1948, John Belmont Fettes of Victoria, B.C., aged 51, born in Dufftown, Scotland. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and one brother and one sister. Mr. Fettes enlisted with the 45th, going overseas from Winnipeg and served with the 49th overseas. Funeral was on Thursday, February 5th, Rev. T. G. Griffiths officiating, followed by cremation. The following 49ers acted as pall bearers: Charley Travers, Charley Mathison, Bert Stroud, Jack Watt and J. R. Boyd. This information was sent in by J. R. Boyd.

#### Matthew Allen (Pat) McCauley

##### Mrs. Annie McCauley

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 16, at 3:45 o'clock of M. A. McCauley, Notikewin, who passed away in Vancouver on Feb. 12th, in Edmonton, Rev. J. MacBeath Miller officiated and interment was made in the Edmonton cemetery. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters. Pat came of an old Edmonton family whose parents settled in Edmonton in 1892. He enlisted in the 66th and came to the 49th in early 1916, and was wounded in September on the Somme. His number was 100097, and he served with C company. On Tuesday, June 8th, Mrs. Annie McCauley, widow of Matthew McCauley passed away. Funeral services were held in Edmonton. Rev. J. MacBeath Miller officiated.

#### Mr. Bernard M. Pauls

Funeral services for the late B. M. Pauls, who passed away on May 12th, at the home of his daughter at Tofield, were held in Edmonton on Monday, May 17th, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. W. T. Young officiated and interment took place in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. He is survived by seven sons and two daughters. One son, Herb Pauls served with the 49th in World War 1, and is now a resident in Victoria, B.C.

#### Arthur Harvey

Funeral services for Arthur Harvey of Ardrossan, Alberta, who passed away January 16th, aged 59 years, were held on Monday afternoon, Jan. 19th, at 2 o'clock. Rev. T. R. Davies officiated and interment took place in the Soldiers' Plot in the Edmonton Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter, of Ardrossan. He came to Ardrossan 40 years ago from Helensburgh, Scotland. In 1915 he joined the 66th and later transferred to the 49th. He was overseas several years, and was badly wounded when his M.G. crew were all knocked out in the Avion Raid in 1917. His wife had served in the Imperial Women's Service and returned with him in 1919.

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The following names were received from Wm. Bradfield, one of the 49th men in Blighty. They died during the last number of years, and are published for the information of their old comrades. 432432, Brake, W. C.; 80241, Chafe, F. H.; 433132 Croasdale, A.; 432289, Gillanders, G. B.; 432249, Maxey, A.; 432537, Quick, L.; 432843, Mason, J. S.; 432483, Richards, H. T.; 432275, Tuach, R.; 432137, Wood, J.; 3205522, Watson, W.

**D Company Man Dies**

Albert Wilkinson Clapham, passed away on July 3 at the age of 67 years. Funeral was held on Monday, July 5, and interment took place in the Field of Honor, Beechmount cemetery. Rev. D. K. Allan officiated. The 49th was represented by C. G. Hall, J. W. H. Williams and N. Arnold. Clapham served with D company, 49th, and was wounded at Passchendaele, October, 1917.

**Mrs. Sarah Garson Tate Fraser**

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Sarah Garson Tate Fraser, of 11910 89th St., who passed away in Edmonton on Feb. 23rd, were held on Wednesday afternoon, February 25th. Rev. L. M. Watts officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton Cemetery. She is survived by one daughter and four sons, one "Clonie" Tate was former lightweight boxing champion of Canada, and Bennie, who served in the 1st Bn. L.E.R., also did considerable boxing in Northern Canada.

**Mrs. Margaret Nicol Dunn**

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Nicol Dunn, wife of William P. Dunn of 11017 94th St., who passed away on January 24th, were held in Edmonton Monday afternoon, January 26th. The Rev. J. Gordon Troyer officiated and interment was made in the Beechmount Cemetery. She leaves to mourn her loss besides her loving husband, two daughters and four sons. Several of the family served overseas in War 1. Her husband and son Andrew in C company, 49th.

**Israel Umbach**

Funeral services of Israel Umbach of Stony Plain, Alberta, who passed away January 6th, were held on Friday afternoon, Jan. 9th, at the Stony Plain United Church. Rev. A. Magee officiated and interment took place in the Glory Hills cemetery. He is survived by his wife, six daughters and three sons. One son, Levi, served with the 49th, War 1, and another son was killed on active service, War 1, with the 49th.

**Mrs. Nellie Doncaster**

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 27th, at 3:30 p.m. in Edmonton, for Mrs. Nellie Doncaster, wife of Alfred Doncaster of 11032 80th Ave., who passed away at the age of 59. The Rev. T. W. Maakestad officiated and interment took place in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Alfred "Puff" Doncaster served in D company and the band of the 49th in War 1.

**Mr. James Smith**

Funeral services for the late James (Jimmy) Smith, of New Norway, formerly of Edmonton, who passed away at Camrose on April 3, were held on Wednesday, April 7th, at 10:30 a.m., at New Norway, with the Rev. Lindgren officiating and at 2 p.m. in Edmonton Knox United Church with the Rev. Gerald Rogers officiating. Interment took place in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter, three brothers, of whom John (Jock) Smith served in B company, War 1.



**Captain Arthur Robinson**

Funeral services for Capt. Arthur Robinson of 7224 103rd St., who passed away March 21st, aged 74 years, were held on Wednesday afternoon, March 24th, at 3:00 p.m., in Edmonton. Rev. Dr. E. T. Scragg officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery. He is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter. Born in Tattykal, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, in 1878, he served 21 years with the Imperial army. He saw action on the northwest frontier in India and in the Boer War. He came to Strathcona in 1913. Upon the outbreak of the First Great War, he was the second man to enlist in the 49th Battalion. He was R.S.M. but in a short time was commissioned a lieutenant, holding the rank of captain on his discharge in 1919. Until retirement he had worked with the Alberta Liquor Control Board. The following 49ers attended: Aitken, Hudson, Blewett, Patterson, J., Arnold.

**Piper James Laing**

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 31st, at Edmonton, of James Laing, of 7709 80th Ave., who passed away on March 28th. Rev. J. Herbison officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton Cemetery. Born in Inverness, Scotland, Mr. Laing joined the Seaforth Highlanders there and served in the South African War. He came to Canada in 1905 and soon after was appointed parks foreman at Jasper. In the First Great War he enlisted with the 49th and served in B company and the pipe band. In France he was transferred along with most of the pipe band to the P.P.C.L.I. He was a former Canadian piping champion and had been interested in the Boys Pipe Band in Edmonton. Survivors include a broth-

er and sister in Scotland and a sister-in-law at Beaverlodge.

**John Oliver**

Funeral services for John Oliver of 11704 85th St., who passed away February 9th, were held on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 12th, at First Presbyterian Church. The services were conducted by Rev. Gordon Troyer, Rev. J. Herbison and Rev. J. MacBeath Miller, and interment took place in the Edmonton Cemetery. John Oliver, latterly associate editor of the Edmonton Journal, and former executive editor of the Edmonton Bulletin, had been of very great help to the magazine committee in assisting to make available material from the files of his paper. For many years he had written the stories for his paper of our banquet and church parade, which were of assistance in making up the story for the Forty-Niner. He served in the P.P.C.L.I. of the 7th Brigade in War 1. His father was the founder and publisher of the Edmonton Bulletin.

**W. C. Bradburn**

Word was received in Edmonton last March of the death and funeral in Victoria, B.C., of W. C. Bradburn, whose firm has for many years printed the Forty-Niner. He served overseas in War 1, and a brother was an officer of the 49th in War. 1.

**Mrs. Ivy Templeman**

Funeral services were held in Wetaskiwin, Saturday afternoon for the late Mrs. Ivy Templeman, wife of M. H. Templeman. The Rev. R. D. Binning officiated with interment in the local cemetery. Her husband, Matt, served in B company, 49th. A son, James, pre-deceased her in 1947.



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### William Wensel

Funeral services for the late Wm. Wensel of 11054 80th Ave., who passed away in Edmonton, February 24th, were held on Friday afternoon, Feb. 27th, at the South Edmonton Moravian Church. Rev. S. Wedman officiated and interment took place in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. He is survived by three sons and two daughters. One son, W. Wensel, served in the 1st Bn. L.E.R. overseas.

### Mr. George Law

The funeral services for Mr. George Law of 11850 91st St., who passed away on March 26th, 1948, were held in Edmonton on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. R. Hinchey officiated. Interment was made in the family plot in the Edmonton Cemetery. He leaves one daughter and two sons, Tom and Walter. Walter served with the 49th in War 1.

### Joseph Frederick W. Keeler

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 8th, at 2 o'clock of J. F. W. Keeler, of 10838 108th St., who passed away on April 5th in Edmonton. The Rev. A. M. Trendell officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton Cemetery. Charles Keeler, now of Vancouver, who served in the 49th, War 1, is a brother.

### Mrs. Lucinda Sara Guest

Mrs. Lucinda Sara Guest of 9646 64th Ave., widow of Wm. George Guest, passed away in Edmonton, March 12th. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 15th, in Edmonton. Rev. D. K. Allan officiated and interment was in the Edmonton cemetery. She leaves two daughters and two sons, E. Fred served in the 49th, War 1, and in the R.C.A.F., War 2.

### Mrs. Agnes Garden

Funeral services for Mrs. Agnes Garden of Thorhild, Alta., who passed away in Edmonton, February 27th, were held Monday, March 1st, at 3 o'clock at the Moose Hill United Church. Rev. R. E. Finlay officiated and interment took place in the Moose Hill Cemetery. Her husband, George Garden, served in the Imperial Army in South Africa and with the 49th in War 1. Mrs. Garden was a life member of the Red Cross.

### Mr. Naismith McPherson

Funeral services for the late Mr. Naismith McPherson, of 11830 92nd St., who passed away on May 13th, at the age of 76 years, were held Monday, May 17th in Edmonton. The Rev. W. J. Whalen officiated and interment took place in Beechmount Cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss his loving wife, three daughters and five sons. Mr. McPherson served in the 66th in War 1, and his son John in the 51st, Tom was killed in 1916 with the 49th Bn. Three sons served in the 49th in War 2. Douglas in B Coy. was killed at Ortona in 1943; Archie in the Band and H.Q.; James in Support Company. A grandson, Norman Clare, was killed serving with the R.C.A.F. in 1942.

### Lawrence Larry Hunter

On June 25th, Lawrence Larry Hunter of 10050 115th St., passed away in the city at the age of 88 years. He leaves to mourn his loss two sons, Jim of Edmonton and Walter of White Rock, B.C., and 2 daughters. Right Rev. M. J. O'Gorman officiated and interment was in the family plot. Edmonton Catholic Cemetery, on Tuesday, June 28th. Walter served in 49th, War 1, and a son, Bob, was killed on the Somme. Jim served in the perpetuating unit.

**FORTY-NINTH BATTALION, THE LOYAL  
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(Calgary Branch)**

Mr. K. Roots, Secretary.

Dear Ken:

I was very pleased to read in the last issue of the Forty-Niner that you had been elected Secretary of the Association in Edmonton. As secretary of the Branch in Calgary I am supposed to keep you informed of our activities down here. I have not written to Edmonton since early in '47 so will try to bring you up to date on things since then. I hope you will be able to sort it out and get some of the news published in the next issue of the Forty-Niner.

On June 21, 1947, we held our first annual banquet and dance in the Harris Sky Room. At this function there were about fifty members and wives present. It proved to be a very successful evening and every one had a merry time. Our President, O. R. Browne, acted as chairman. Hon. President, Col. E. R. Knight, was the main speaker and in proposing a toast to the Regiment he paid tribute to the old Battalion and spoke of the excellent co-operation and friendship that has grown between the members of the Old and Young Battalion.

On November 3, 1947, we held our fifth general meeting followed by our second smoker. This meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers for the next year and the results were as follows: Hon. President, Col. E. R. Knight, re-elected; President, O. R. Browne, re-elected; Vice-President, J. McMillan; Sec.-Treasurer, F. Petley, re-elected. Executive of three: J. McBride, M. Nash, re-elected, W. N. Rose, re-elected.

The smoker went over very well with everyone chinwagging about old times and new and finally ended up with a good old sing-song.

Coming to more recent events, on April 3rd, 1948, (this year) we held our second Annual Banquet and Dance in the Harris Sky Room. This year it was attended by about seventy members and wives, which was a good showing over last year.

Jimmy McMillan acted as chairman during the banquet in place of Owen Browne, who has gone to Edmonton to take up his new duties as Public Relations Officer with the Alberta Liberal Association. (By the way, we all wish Owen the best of success in his new endeavour). As chairman, Mr. McMillan proposed the toast to the King and also the Silent Toast to our fallen comrades. In proposing the toast to Sister Battalions, Col. Knight spoke on behalf of the members from World War I and Stan Robinson for the members from World War II. We were very pleased to have Capt. J. C. Newlands of the P.P.C.L.I., our guest for the evening, give the reply to this toast during which he spoke of the great respect his Regiment has always held for the Edmonton Regiment.

Jack McBride proposed the toast to absent friends, during which each member called out the name of a comrade whom they would have liked to be present for the evening.

Bill Lowden proposed the toast to the ladies which was replied to by Mrs. Jack McBride.

In making his closing remarks Mr. McMillan paid tribute to the magnificent job done by the late Major-General Griesbach in organizing and commanding the regiment during World War I.

After the banquet everyone joined in the danc-

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ing and it was early in the morning before the party finally broke up.

I am going to attach a list of as many as I can remember who were present as it may be of interest to your members up there.

Well that about brings us up to date with the activities of the Calgary Branch. You may be interested in knowing that I have over 100 names on my mailing list now, although I am sorry to say the percentage of paid up members is not very high. However we are proud that we have our Association and in this way we are able to keep alive the comradeship that exists among all Forty-Niners.

Here are a few items for your Wandering Boy column that you may wish to publish:

Saw **Maurice Silver** (C coy. I believe) in Calgary the other day. Maurice is now operating his own general store in Lethbridge and is glad to meet a Forty-Niner any time.

**Dave Boyer** and **Bill Remple** are both working with Great West Saddlery in Calgary and each managing a department.

On reading **Col. Stone's** article on the Navigli-one Canale Bridgehead in the July '47, Forty-Niner I thought that some members might be interested in hearing of **Bill Warren**. Bill lost both his legs in that show while operating with Support Company's famous Tank Busters, but I am glad to say he is not letting it get him down. Bill is now working at the DVA in Calgary and getting along fine. He has his own car fixed up with special gadgets to enable him to drive as good as anyone else, so he has no trouble in getting to work and back or taking in the hockey games, boxing matches, dog shows or anything else. Bill's wife arrived from England in 1945 and they now have a lovely young son who Bill says takes up most of his spare time. Bill has a good sense of humor. An example of this was shown when an acquaintance of his, complaining of a bad cold he was suffering from, remarked that he had one foot in the grave. "That's nothing," replied Bill, "Both mine are there."

**Harvey Farrell** can often be seen working around Calgary's better business establishments. Harvey works for Neon Sign Products and seems to have quite a bit to do with the installation and maintenance end of this business.

**Jimmy Merchant** (A Coy.) lives at Claresholm where he works for one of the local lumber companies. Jimmy was married to a local girl about a year ago.

List of those who attended banquet, April 3rd:  
Col. and Mrs. E. R. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Mc-

Millan, Mr. and Mrs. Walker-Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tronnes, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petley, H. M. Lawrence, Ed. Clausen (Hubalta, Alta.), Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gale, Mr. and Mrs. A. Landerson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Berndred, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dunford, Johnny Laderoute, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Clow, H. J. Wood, M. D. Reynan (Redcliff, Alta.), Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lowden, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rushton, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remple, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. (Cliff) Preston, Mr. and Mrs. George Garbutt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Everett, Steve Eveno, Smokey Shannon, J. Fofonoff, J. W. Young.

These are all the names I can remember.

At our last general meeting a motion was passed to the effect that we should contribute to the parent body in Edmonton, fifty cents from each of the membership fees received by the Calgary Branch. It was felt that if each paid up member could receive the Forty-Niner this contribution would help to pay for their copy. So far this year we have only sixteen paid up members whose names and addresses I am listing below.

I am enclosing a cheque for eight dollars (\$8.00) covering this list. As I mentioned in my other letter I have a list of over 100 names so I hope I will be able to send you more names along with the money at a later date.

D. B. Everett, 237 Alexander Ave., Bowness,  
J. W. Young, 1330 15th Ave., West, Calgary.  
J. C. Preston, 418 19th St., N.W., Calgary.  
N. C. Kirby, 142 Chinook Ave., Bowness, Alta.  
E. M. Findlay, 310 25th Ave., West, Calgary.  
H. J. Wood, 1101 8th St., West, Calgary.  
J. McMillan, 2917 Carleton St., Calgary.  
W. R. Grant, Suite 8, 324 6th Ave. W., Calgary.  
J. Nash, 3009 17th St., West, Calgary.  
G. A. Prunkle, 326A 17th Ave., West, Calgary.  
J. McBride, 108 Alexander Ave., Bowness, Alta.  
H. G. Farrell, 1218 17th Ave., West, Calgary.  
F. Petley, 1533 14th Ave. West, Calgary.  
H. S. Robinson, 232 21st Ave., N.W., Calgary.  
W. L. Taylor, 1201 Prospect Ave., Calgary.  
Col. R. C. Coleman, c/o Palliser Hotel, Calgary.  
Yours truly, F. Petley, Secretary-Treasurer,  
1533 14th Ave., West, Calgary, Alberta.

#### Forty-Niner Heads R.C. Police Association

Julien Nash, Calgary, who served with the 49th, was re-elected to his 12th term as Dominion president of the R.N.W.M.P. Veterans' Association at the headquarter's meeting held in Calgary last February.

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Owen R. Browne, one of the lads who won his way to a commission in the Loyal Edmonton— and who was an original in 1939 was recently appointed public relations officer for the Alberta Liberal Association. Previous to this appointment and after demobilization, Owen acted as personal services officer for the Canadian Legion in Alberta.

#### SPECIAL—ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Members who held banquet tickets as numbered hereunder failed to record their names and addresses thereon. Consequently it has not been possible to record the dues which have been paid. Will the members who are concerned please send to the secretary their names and addresses together with the ticket number.

TICKET NUMBERS: 210, 367, 105, 365, 364, 237, 157, 295, 227, 374, 222, 266, 257, 372, 177, 368, 370, 371, 236, 268.

We also have one ticket (No. 450) complete with stub. Anyone remember having this number (450)?

The address is needed of Stan Blomberg, M16363.

#### D.V.A. Need Address

The office of the District Pensions Advocate needs the present address of Lt. E. M. K. MacGregor, 1st Bn. L.E.R. This is for a matter of concern to Wilkinson, Lorne E. (M107476). Any one having this information kindly forward it to the above office, Veterans' Affairs Bldg., 11250 Jasper Ave., Edmonton.

#### Legion Elects Officers

E. "Ted" Brown was named president of the Montgomery Branch of the Legion at the annual meeting last January. The following men of the 49th were elected to office: First Vice, Alan Macdonald; 2nd Vice, Ald. H. E. Tanner. W. J. Williams, M.L.A., gave an account of his stewardship as executive secretary. George Gleave, first vice-president of the provincial command, extended greetings to the new executive. Jim Foote, chairman of the membership committee reported for that body.

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## Where Is My Wandering Boy?

**J. R. Boyd**, A company, 700 Newbury St., Victoria, B.C., sent along a news cutting of the funeral notice of Fettes (see Last Post), and also dues for Travers of D company and himself. He says he has met up with the following 49-ers, **Bert Stroud**, **Jack Watt**, **Chas. Mathison** and **Ike Nelson**. Since writing this letter he

has visited Edmonton in early April to see his sister who was sick in hospital. Boyd sends his best wishes to all the old troopers.

**C. R. McFadden**, 349 College St., St. James, Manitoba, received his copy of the Forty-Niner and enjoyed it very much. He has been in the Arctic region last summer and returned home late in the year. He was to return North for the summer to be amongst the Eskimos. His best wishes go to **N. E. Cook** and his other cronies. He hopes to be able to attend one of the reunions. Mac served with D company and the M.Gs.

**I. W. Anderson**, A company, Box 443, Grandville, Michigan, wrote in for us to get him a copy of the late General Griesbach's book, "I Remember." This was forwarded to him and he said he sat down right away and read it at one sitting. "It was interesting from first to last. But how I wish, he could have lived to finish it, for it ends before the main events of his life had yet started. No doubt at all, it was intended only as the first volume. I surely wish it had gone on, at least until the end of the First World War." Having read the Forty-Niner, he says, "The most interesting news to me in that, is of course the death of Colonel Palmer—a rugged old fellow who contributed very greatly to the fame of the Old Forty-Ninth. I always had a great deal of admiration for him. I think perhaps he did not shine greatly on the parade ground, but he was right there when the fighting was thickest, and after all, that is the acid test of a real soldier." He is sorry to see **Norman Cook** has had to withdraw from the Editorial staff. He imagines the magazine is on a firm foundation and will carry on, and doubts if there is any other association of First World War Vets who have kept as close together as ours, thanks largely to a small group of hard working fellows.

**Herb Bendall**, No. 436440, 1 platoon, A company, wishes to be remembered to all his pals. Herb is at Hattonford, via Niton, Alta. We hope he has not been delayed in his spring operations by the floods.

**S. Carol**, 435362, 50th Bn. served with the 49th, and is now an orderly at No. 2 Convalescent Hospital at Calgary. **A. C. Scott**, No. 160303, 82nd, served in D company as runner for **Major Winser** and **Capt. McQueen**. He is now 55 years of age. Both these men were seen by **Col. Harris** when he visited the hospital early in the year.

**James McD. Scott**, No. 432201, 22 Melville Ter-

race, Edinburgh 9, sent along a Christmas card wishing all the best to the 49th The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, but unfortunately it was delayed in the delivery. However, we were pleased to hear from Mac for we had begun to think he had left for parts unknown. Later we received a letter and a "Scotsman" with the announcement of his son's wedding. (See Weddings). Mac you will remember was one of the 'wits' of D company, and a thorn in the sides of all those in whom was "vested a brief authority" for the good conduct and discipline of the army. We are pleased to know he is still getting along O.K. in the land of the Free, Brave and Parritch.

**Walter Hale**, D Company, was as proud as a peacock at the banquet when he was showing his lad, then on leave from the P.P.C.L.I., how well the boys of the 49th behave when out for a social evening. Walter had a bout in hospital in the late winter but was doing fine the last time we saw him.

**A. "Puff" Doncaster**, who served with D company and the Band in War 1, called in to wish us goodbye on his leaving to visit in the States before going to Blighty where he may make his home in the future. Puff wished to be remembered to all his old friends, even those who used to shout 'Good Old Band,' or words to that effect. His address in England will be: c/o H. Doncaster, Elston, Nr. Newark, Notts. He paid his dues up to Jan. 1953, to make sure he gets the Forty-Niner. We all wish him the best of luck in his journeying.

At a meeting in the Memorial Hall Sunday, May 16, members were asked if they had knowledge of the whereabouts of **R. D. Fricke**, who was wounded while serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Sicily. Information can be sent to **Ken Rootes**, 9711 106th St., our Hon. Secretary.

**James F. Dickinson**, No. 433209, who served with 8 platoon, B company, War 1, sent along his dues for 1948. He says in August he will be 71 and still going strong. We hope he will continue to keep like Johnny Walker for a long time to come.

**"Lauchie" Mackay**, of "Cleghorn," Abbotsgrange Road, Grangemouth, Scotland, wrote an interesting letter to his nephew saying he had received a parcel from the fund the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs in Canada have contributed to send parcels overseas as appreciation for the kindness people over there showed to the Canadian troops. They evidently make a draw to choose the person to whom the parcel will be sent. Lauchie seems to be going strong and he finds the austerity is being slowly alleviated. You will remember he served with Steady D, becoming C.S.M. and later holding commissioned rank.

**Norman**: Just ran into one of our old timers whose particulars are given here:

**George E. Spencer**, No. 432956, enlisted 29th Jan., 1915, posted to 11 Platoon, C Coy., and later to scouts as a sniper. Wounded 30th June, 1916, sent back to Blighty, and came back to Bn. in June, 1917. Wounded again during the August big push in 1918, sent back to England, then on



to Canada in Jan., 1919, and discharged in Calgary, 20th Feb., 1919. Has lived at Lac La Biche since, working as a commercial fisherman. Enlisted again 3rd June, 1940, in 29th Coy. of Veterans' Guard and served until Sept., 1945. Wants to be remembered to all his old comrades and sorry that he has not been able to take in a Re-Union or Church Parade. Is now in hospital (10th April, 1948) at Mewburn Pavilion, getting a tune-up for the next show.—Fred Pinnell.

#### Compiled by A. L. Smith

We received a note of appreciation for the magazine along with annual dues from **J. H. Coward** of Donnelly, Alberta. (Since deceased, see Last Post, Ed.). Our thanks go out to **Mrs. C. Devaney**, 10039 83rd Avenue, Edmonton, for sending in armbands which we find are as scarce as hen's teeth, and have an increasing value as time goes on. "Steady D" will ever remember Charley Devaney as one of the best.

**Tom Draycott** writes from Toronto, originally recruited from Peace River, in the old days, Tom likes to keep in touch with the gang through the medium of the magazine, and sends best wishes to all and special regards to **Charlie Curtiss**, and **Charlie Dingly**, his old trench pals.

**Lt. Col. S. T. Davies**, of 1128 Prospect Avenue, Calgary pays a tribute to the magazine, and those responsible, he says, "It seems to me that we all owe you a debt which we can never repay for building up such a fine publication. Its effect is widespread, and becomes more important each day as the international situation continues to deteriorate." Col. Davies is a member of the Calgary branch of the 49th Association and is keenly interested in ex-servicemen's organizations and has been associated with the Royal Canadian Engineers since 1924.

It is very gratifying to note the increasing number of correspondents to the "Wandering Boy" column. It is also interesting to note the very widely dispersed addresses and the many and different avocations, such as **E. F. Guest**, of 11039 126th Street, Edmonton, who writes in from Upper Hay River where he was occupied in bridge building on the Grimshaw-Slave Lake Highway. He wishes to be remembered to **Bob Henderson**.

Appreciative and comradely notes from **C. H. Holmes**, 302 Montreal Street, Victoria, from **T. F. Higgleton**, 1040 7th Avenue, West, Calgary, from **Bob Milne**, Wainwright, Alberta, and also from **T. M. Mounsey**, Sunset Prairie, B.C.

From England an interesting and complimentary letter re the magazine was received from **Brig. General, J. B. Wells**, 9th St., Margaret Square, Cambridge, England. **Harry May** of 10 Lakeview Rd., Coventry, England would like to be back, he finds the austerity of Britain very restrictive, sends regards to **Norman Cook**, and other old friends.

**Chester O. McGowan** of Hairy Hill, Alberta, goes to bat in a hale and hearty manner for the younger "Eddies" as well as paying a tribute to old Forty-Niners who are working in the interest of servicemen's organizations. If he gets the silk topper he says **Pinckney** still owes him on a bet many years ago, we would like to see him wearing it.

**D. McPherson**, 498 Hamilton Avenue, Nanaimo, in his letter to **Norman Arnold**, refers to the many old comrades mentioned in the magazine who are

now living at the coast, and whom he would like to meet. How about an Alberta gathering of the clan at Vancouver? (The Vancouver Branch is once again stepping high, Ed.).

**Lt. T. R. Tipton (Tommy)** as we knew him, failed to send his address. He has a large collection of war trophies such as maps and photographs, and including hat badges of every regiment in the Canadian Corps which he would pass on to anyone interested.

**Jack Nolan**, 2736 Ulloa St., San Francisco, U.S.A., writes that **Geo. Jepson** answered Last Post on March 13th of this year. Jack attended the funeral and sent a floral wreath in the name of the Forty-Ninth. No words can surpass in expression the faithful comradeship born in the travail of war so many years ago, and maintained to the very end. (See Last Post.)

Those bereft by war's cruel chance and left in loneliness and sorrow, have a special place in the hearts of all who have served. We extend our condolences to **Mrs. J. W. Lukey**, who tells of the passing of her husband not long after her only son was killed while flying over Germany.

A young old Forty-Niner, **A. G. Rowlands**, of Suite 9, 2112 Cornwall, Vancouver, B.C., inspires us with a few words as freshly invigorating as the Pacific breezes. He also goes to bat for **W. Moreau** of 176 East 14th Street, Vancouver, B.C., to see that he gets the Forty-Niner.

**Miss Gladys Potts**, of 128 Nile End Lane, Stockport, Cheshire, England, has recently written **Norman Cook** to report what she has previously said of how much she enjoys each issue of the Forty-Niner. Miss Potts is glad to have the magazine which serves as a link with old friends of her brother, Cyril, who did not survive the Ypres engagement of June, 1916.

**George Branton**, Ryde, Sydney, Australia, was again in correspondence with the association and now rides at anchor on the good ship "Retirement." We hope his condition has improved from what it was at the time we last heard from him. Anyhow, here's the best to a good old scout.

**Bob Mayes**, of Moose Jaw, who sends us the news of doings down that way, tells us that **Dr. Young** was a candidate in the Sask. Provincial elections this month (June), but according to the radio at the time of writing, he wasn't successful in being elected. He congratulates the executive and the magazine committee for keeping the association together. His daughter and her husband returned from England to live in Canada. Good wishes are sent to all his old friends.

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He was Father Mike, who eventually became Honorary Colonel M. C. O'Neill, chief R. C. chaplain overseas.

His promotions in the military chaplaincy have been equalled by similar boosts in "rank" since he doffed his uniform and he is now the Most Reverend M. C. O'Neill, Archbishop of Regina.

The new archbishop was chaplain to the regiment in the days when the war was new and when military service was an unique experience for us all.

Though he was R. C., everyone in the regiment knew and respected him as "Father Mike" and the abbreviated name did not betoken any lack of respect for his cloth nor for the three pips he wore on his shoulders.

Rumor has it Father Mike was a "soft touch" between paydays.

He formally assumed his new office in his church at a ceremony rich in color on April 14th, this year.

James, Cardinal McGuigan was consecrator at the ceremony, he was assisted by Archbishop John Hugh MacDonald of Edmonton and Archbishop Maurice Roy of Quebec.

Archbishop Roy shared with Father Mike, many of his pastoral duties overseas. He was R.C. chaplain to the Third Brigade during the early days of the war.

The ceremony at the cathedral was attended by scores of members of this association, many of them in uniform. Special permission was granted by G.C.C., Western Command, to allow uniforms to be worn on this occasion.

His Grace ("Father Mike" seems a little familiar with reference to an archbishop) was guest of honor at a military function during the afternoon and later attended a banquet in the Macdonald hotel, where he was greeted by members of his church and of the military.

He had found the army a valuable experience in toleration and friendship. His Grace told his hundreds of friends at the dinner. If that feeling should be continued into peace time life the fear of future wars would disappear, he said.

He pictured Canada as a great rich tapestry still in the weaving in which the various contrasting colors blend to form beauty and strength. This "unity in diversity" should yield a design of rich and lasting brilliance, he thought. (Owing to a mischance, the photo intended for this item was unavailable, Editor.)

## Col. Elliott's Son Given Appointment

Former member of the Edmonton Journal's new staff, A. D. "Peter" Elliott was appointed executive secretary to Premier Manning last January. Mr. Elliott was born in Edmonton, and is the son of Col. Elliott who was active on our executive until his retirement a short time ago.

Harry Yanyshyn has been heard from again at High Prairie with his dues to the association—and a word of regret, he was unable to attend the last banquet in Edmonton. We'll be seeing Harry one of these days, we're sure.

Also got word from M16620 **L. J. Tuppen** of Red Deer with a similar enclosure. Not much news, but he seems anxious to keep in touch with the boys with whom he served.

Another of the north country boys who has sent his dues along is **D. McElroy**, who is looking after the interests of the British America Oil Company at Grande Prairie. It would be a good idea if the boys from the north country could all get together and come to one of the association's "do's," not "dues." The boys would be welcomed with open arms.

Heard from a wife who really understands how a man can feel about his former regimental mates. She is **Mrs. Leonard Lipscomb**.

Forty-Niner's will have noticed **Lipscomb's** name among the life members of the association in the nominal roll published in the January issue of this great family journal.

In a letter written last December **Mrs. Lipscomb** encloses the necessary funds to bring this about. It was a Christmas present to her husband.

**Mrs. Lipscomb** recalls that her husband went overseas with the original in '39, with the number M16118, but that she had him recalled to help manage a farm which became hers when her father died in Manitoba.

"Nevertheless," she says, "the 49th has a place all its own in his heart."

The Lipscombs now live at Pope, Manitoba.

**Harry Zolmer** — and who doesn't remember Harry?—sent his dues along from Vancouver. 3440 Turner Street to be more exact. He says he has met a "dozen or more of the boys on this foggy coast."

M15718 "**Robby**" **E. F. Robbins**, who lists his civilian occupation as chauffeur, reports he is now living at 9643 77th Avenue, Edmonton. He has two youngsters, both boys, aged six and three years. He spent nearly six years in uniform and served with A company.

M16166 **Pte. Jack Howson**, who was with C Company, is now farming at Barrhead according to a report received by the executive. He is married and has no children. He regretfully admits he has not yet attended any of the association's functions. Well Barrhead isn't too far from Edmonton.

M15586, **Pte. Art Cross** says the pressure of business, (he is a hairdresser in business for himself), has kept him from attending many of the unit's functions, but he does regret that sort of thing—See you soon, Art.

A claim that he had been a "guinea pig" for penicillin at a north African hospital following a gunshot wound, which made him one of the first wounded in the regiment is announced by M16738 **David "Dixie" Dougan**. He lists his civilian occupation as bill carrier for the city and lives at 9628 98th Avenue with a family of three daughters and a son, the oldest five years old. Hasn't attended the regimental functions—maybe lack of time!

**George A. "Tiny" English**, who is anything but tiny is back on the farm at Two Hills. He's still unmarried. Tiny, whose regimental number was M16152, left the army after nearly six years of service with the rank of Lance-Sergeant. He and **Dan Eadie** form quite a team.

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**J. P. "Joey" Moore** joined "us" in November 1939, but to his deep disgust was not among those who were shipped overseas with the regiment, but went to Calgary in depot. He didn't get back to the regiment, from his account, though he went overseas with Lt. (now major) **Freddy Reesor** as a signals re-inforcement. After many experiences as instructor in sigs and drill—when he filled the vacancy of CSM for a time (without pay) he adds, he was invalided back to Canada. He now lives at 10235 90th Street, Edmonton, and works for the Alberta government. He has a daughter 15 years old and a son 13½ years.

**John Robert Solway**, M17478, "Bob" took the plunge July 12, 1940, at the ripe age of 24. D company was graced by his presence on that date. He suffered from sickness during his service. Discharged August 8, 1945, with 5 years and 1 month service. Home address is 9819 104th St. He has a girl of 9 years.

**J. Holland**, M16609, "Curly," enlisted January 16, 1940, and was in the transport. This 40-year-oldster was in D company. Suffered from back injuries during service. Discharged May 31, 1944 with rank of Sergeant, after 4 years, 3 months service. Holland is a steam engineer. Address 10216 148th St. Has a girl 11 years and a boy 8 years of age.

**Stuart Glen Barber**, M31355, enlisted in the Edmonton Fusiliers on September 30, 1940, aged 25. Posted to 9 platoon, A company, March, 1943. Discharged October 25, 1945, with a total of 5 years service. Occupation, (Delicious), bartender. Present place of residence, 11440 86th St. Home address, Longview, Alta.

**Phillip Simcoe Ryco**, H-1012, original unit P.P. C.L.I. on January 3, 1943, at the age of 19. Posted to the 1st Bn. January 11, 1944 and served at the R.A.P. He suffered from 2 wounds and jaundice during service. Discharged April 29, 1946 after 40 months. Occupation, tailor. Resides at 1011 College Avenue, Winnipeg.

**DUES PAYABLE**

Byron Morrison, jeweller, and Bert Millar, who is 2 i/c at Mike's News Stand have generously offered their help to issue tickets and accept the usual dues for membership in the 49th Battalion The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Association, for those wishing to join for the first time, or to bring their dues up-to-date. With more and more veterans taking an interest in activities of our association Mike's News Stand and Morrison, jeweller, are conveniently central places at which to call

and ask for Bert or Byron to make enrollments. If anyone asks you, or you are among those on the lookout for new members to join up, simply direct them to Byron's or Bert and they will gladly fix them up at Mike's, 10062 Jasper Avenue, or Byron Morrison, jeweller, 10010-101A Avenue, opposite McLeod Block. Out-of-town members or anyone wishing to do so can still pay dues to N. Arnold, 11908-92nd Street, J. Madore, D.V.A. Building, or K. J. Rootes, 9711-106th Street. Annual dues are \$1.00 and life membership \$15.00. This entitles a member to the semi-annual issues of the Forty-Niner, postpaid.

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Amid falling snow, vividly recalling the April, 1917 attack on Vimy, veterans organizations paraded to the Cenotaph in Edmonton and deposited wreaths and paid a salute to their comrades who died in the taking of the Ridge. Later addresses were heard from speakers at their headquarters where smokers allowed the veterans to recall and reminisce on the old days of battle.

### Edmonton "Pats" Hold Re-Union

On the 33rd anniversary of Frezenberg, the Edmonton association of the P.P.C.L.I. held their annual re-union banquet Saturday night, May 15th. S. H. "Sam" Campbell was elected president. An address was given by Capt. Stutt, training officer for the Loyal Eddies. A wreath was deposited at the Cenotaph at a parade before the dinner.

### Heller's Daughter Graduates

Monday night, May 17th, was the happy climax of three years of hard study for the 49 nurses of the 1948 class of the University of Alberta Hospital School of Nursing. A photo appeared in the Journal of the graduands and among these was Beth Heller, daughter of Ed Heller, Beaverlodge, who served in D Company, 49th, as a stretcher-bearer.

### News from Mrs. Tony Peterson

In a letter from Mrs. Peterson she informs us her son Frank was attending the last session of the Alberta University, but unfortunately sickness did not allow of our visiting him. Her daughter, Sigrid, was married on April 3rd, and we wish her the very best for the future. They see "Slim" Preisig frequently as he lives at Rosedale, and you will all be sorry to know he lost his only son, May 28th, 1946. He had served overseas in the army, and developed a severe illness in Holland. Our belated sympathy is hereby extended to Slim and his family.

### Appointed President

Ted Horton, who will be remembered mostly for his uncomparable work as Orderly Room Corporal with Don Company, while stationed in the area of Oxted, has recently been given a very outstanding position, that of President of the Legislative Assembly Press Gallery. Ted earns his weekly stipend from the Edmonton Bulletin, and by the looks of things in general, plus the award of a first prize in a recent national literary competition, Ted's experience in D Coy. is being put to good advantage. Congratulations Ted!

### OUR THANKS TO THE NEWSPAPERS

The many pictures appearing in this issue indicate the generosity of both the Edmonton Journal and the Edmonton Bulletin in their co-operation by loaning cuts for publication. We are grateful to both of our local newspapers for the help they give the magazine committee. We also thank all those who assisted in the publication of our magazine.

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### Marching Song

London, Ont., Free Press

Edmonton's 19th Armored Car Regiment has adopted "Lili Marlene." And Lili, the tune that crossed the battle lines from Rommel's Afrika Korps, has replaced "A Hundred Pipers" as the regimental song to be played on all ceremonial occasions. How the sticky sentimentality of "Lili Marlene" fits into the martial picture of inspections and parades and march pasts, we cannot help but wonder. What a contrast to the swing of the stirring and robust "Hundred Pipers" to which the red-blooded men of the 19th, formerly the Edmonton Fusiliers, were wont to march.

Rhodes—To Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rhodes (nee Betty Game) on March 21st, 1948, at the University Hospital, a son, Clifford Robert, 7 lbs. 7 ozs. Rhodes served in 12 platoon, B Company, 1 Bn.

Stone—To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stone (nee Ester King) at the Salmon Arm General Hospital on March 15th, a daughter, Shelley Margaret. Col. Stone advanced from the ranks to command the 1st Battalion. Both these lads will have their hands full doing Sentry duty and without a two-hour relief. Still, we hope not. Best wishes.

Palmer—To Mr. and Mrs. Miles F. Palmer, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, on May 2nd, a son, Stephen Hardy. Miles was a stalwart of D Company in the 1st War. Congratulations!

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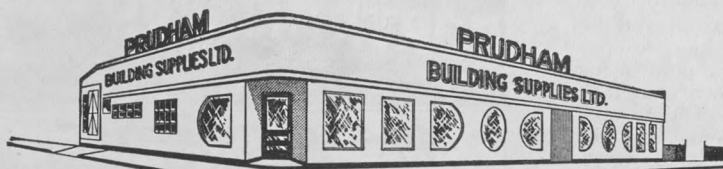
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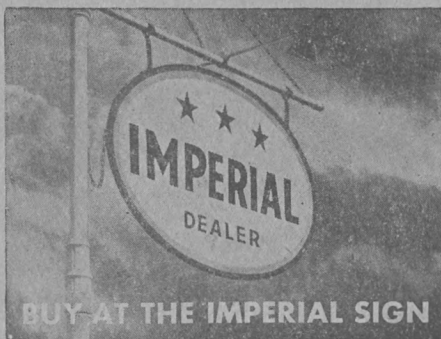


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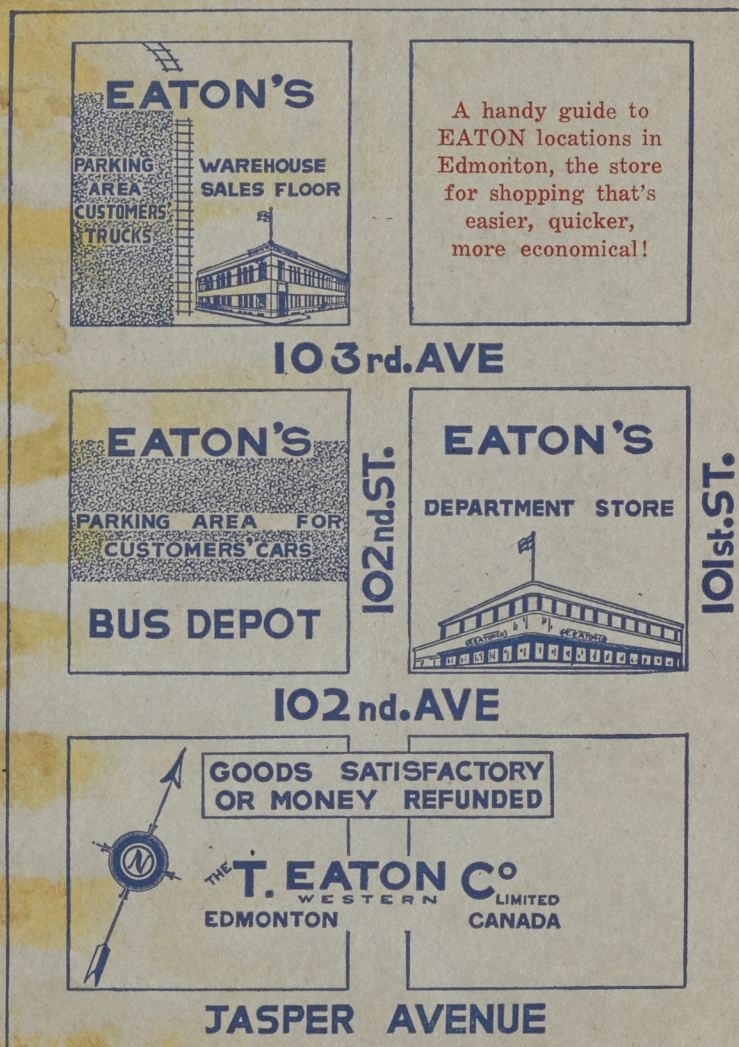


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